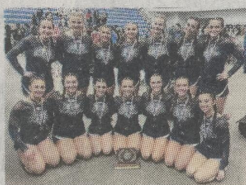




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▲ Select Board members and Town Manager Eric Slagle stand with the Wilmington High School cheerleading team, 2025 state champions, after they presented each team member with a citation.

Select Board honors cheerleaders, approves requests

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board honored the Wilmington High School cheerleading team for winning the state championship and received memorandums and requests during their meeting on Monday, March 18. They invited the WHS cheerleading team who won the state championship and placed second in New England for Middlesex League Division 3 to attend the meeting in person. Select Board Chair Greg Bendel highlighted that the team's performances were impressive and congratulated the coaches, as well. The coaches stood up

to say that these were some of the most hard-working student athletes they had ever coached and this was a huge accomplishment. The other board members also congratulated the student athletes and said that their award was well-deserved. Town Manager Eric Slagle commented that this win would teach them that they can be successful in whatever they put their all into. Bendel then read the citations written to each cheerleading team member recognizing their exceptional performances as state champions and handed one out to each athlete. Slagle wrote a memo to the board that night re-

garding the status of the contract for the Owners Project Manager of the elementary school project. In the memo, he clarified that the OPM was contracted only until the end of the schematic design phase, which is the current module. The next module would be funding. Bendel read the next item of communication: a letter of recognition to Nancy Elliott. The letter shared the commendation of the board to Elliott for her distinguished service as a dispatching clerk and senior clerk in the Public Buildings Department for the past 42 years. He wished Elliott a happy, fulfilling, and healthy retirement. The board also received

a letter from the undersecretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities regarding the eligibility of 100-104 West St. into the Local Initiative Program (LIP). Slagle recalled that the project requested a change in funding source under the LIP, which this board approved, and now building permits could be pulled. Director of Veterans' Services Lou Cimaglia wrote to the board to request permission to conduct the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26 beginning at 10 a.m. from the Market Basket parking lot to the town common, with a ceremony to follow at 11 a.m. Cimaglia also invited the board members to attend

the ceremony. The board approved Cimaglia's request. Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association Certification Administrator Lillian Drane sent a memo to the board informing them that Wilmington Town Clerk Beth Lawrenson is now a certified Massachusetts municipal town clerk. Slagle said that this has taken a lot of work from Lawrenson. Keith Black requested that the board proclaim Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period from March 23 to April 30. Slagle said that the town wanted to recognize this important week and encourage motorcycle safety. Bendel shared his appreciation for Black bringing

this to their attention. The other board members also highlighted the importance of this awareness event. Black also provided that 71 motorcyclists were killed last year in Massachusetts from motorcycle accidents, and the town has 629 motorcycles registered. The board approved the request. They then approved the request from WMS Principal Brian Cairra to hold the 8th grade moving on ceremony on the town common. Slagle also formally congratulated Cairra on becoming permanent middle school principal after serving in the in-

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Planning Board and FinCom review warrant articles

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board and Finance Committee held a joint public hearing where they invited feedback on the warrant articles for the Town Meeting and special Town Meeting on May 3. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich presented on multiple proposed warrant articles. She described that Article 27 proposed new language for the town by-law's floodplain district section to accommodate new maps, definitions and technical requirements from the state. They were also proposing a streamlined approval process with an administrative permit from the Building Department.

Gingrich then explained that Article 28 proposed transferring some town-owned land to the care and custody of the Conservation Commission to create more open space in this town-owned land that was the home of the historic Clapp Mill. The land would be protected by Article 97. Planning Board Chair Terence Boland provided regarding Article 29 that the new language would clarify in the zoning by-law that short-term rentals are prohibited in all zoning districts. Gingrich added that the current bylaw prohibits short-term rentals by not mentioning them at all, but they wanted to address the issue with the new language proposed for accessory dwelling units. Michael Newhouse commented when the boards brought up Article 33, proposing a parcel to be rezoned from residential-20 to general business, that the petitioner at 306 Main St. would continue to use

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, March 18, the Planning Board received public comment on the proposed amendment to the town by-law to replace the current language on accessory dwelling units as part of a joint hearing with the Finance Committee on the annual Town Meeting

warrant articles. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich presented on this article, Article 26, defining an accessory dwelling unit as a self-contained housing unit accessory to the principal dwelling. She explained that the Affordable Homes Act of 2024 requires the town to allow accessory dwelling units of up to 900 square feet

as of right, without a special permit. However, the current bylaw allows attached owner-occupied accessory dwelling units up to 1,250 square feet. The amendment would follow that of the AHA and remove existing language requiring parking within a half-mile of a transit station, owner occupancy, and that the ADU be attached.

Gingrich also explained that the board decided to replace the current language rather than adding new language by which two accessory dwelling units could be built on one lot. A few residents who commented that night criticized the amendment, particularly lowering the permitted size for acces-

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Select Board moves forward with MBTA Communities Act exemption

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday, March 18, the Select Board opened their meeting with an executive session to discuss strategies with respect to potential litigation by the commonwealth due to the town's potential noncompliance with the MBTA Communities Act.

In the open meeting, the board considered filing for an exemption from the requirement to create a multi-family as of right zoning district on the grounds that it is an unfunded mandate. Town Manager Eric Slagle provided the language for a potential motion that they prepared with the advice of town counsel: to have the town manager's office work

with town counsel to prepare for an MBTA zoning case and report back. The board members moved accordingly and voted the same. Chair Greg Bendel also mentioned that this step is in an effort to keep all of the town's options regarding the HLC guidelines open and allow residents to make an informed decision at the annual Town Meeting on

May 3. He established that the question of whether the town will comply with the HLC guidelines is a fluid situation with constant changes. Residents spoke up during public comment to share their opposition to the creation of the multi-family housing as of right zoning overlay district.

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Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2, 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 3, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, March 31, 6-8 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Outside: Vernal Pool Exploration

Wednesday, April 2, 6-7 p.m.

Come explore the Vernal Pools behind the Library with North Shore Nature Programs! These seasonal pools provide critical breeding habitat for several amphibian and invertebrates. All ages welcome.

Craft & Chat

Wednesday, April 2, 6-8 p.m.

Enjoy making a craft while socializing with others!

Virtual Fiction Critique Group

Saturday, April 5, 9:15 a.m.
Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get constructive feedback.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, March 31, 10 a.m.
Join the Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where they'll work on Early Literacy skills and much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, April 1, 10 a.m.
Join us at Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Ages 3-6

Learn to Crochet for Teens

Tuesday, April 1, 6 p.m.
Teens & tweens, learn to crochet! This program provides an introduction



▲ The 5th Annual Friends of WML Jewelry Sale is here! This year's sale is Friday, April 4 from 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Browse a beautiful selection of jewelry, with prices starting at just \$1. All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Memorial Library. (Courtesy photo)

to everything that you need to know about the world of crochet, including how to make your own items by following patterns. Grades 6-12

DnD 101 for Teens

Tuesday, April 1, 6 p.m.
New players who wish to join our regular library Dungeons and Dragons campaign (or who just want to learn about the world's most popular role-playing game) should attend our new 101 sessions, held monthly. Grades 6-12

Time for Twos

Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m.
Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Baby Time

Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Baby Time! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages

0-23 months

Teen DnD

Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.
Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in-person Dungeons and Dragons at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. Grades 6-12

Additional

Information

The Einstein's Workshop Pass is back!

Einstein's Workshop provides hands-on STEAM Learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) for children K-8 at weekly classes and a drop-in exploration station. This is a circulating pass that must

be picked up and returned to the Wilmington Memorial Library. Please visit <https://wilmlibrary.org/services/mp/> for more information.

Join us for the Annual Friends of WML Jewelry Sale!

The Friends of WML's Donated Jewelry Sale is back for 2025! This year's sale will be Friday, April 4 from 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Friends will be selling fine and fashion jewelry, including necklaces, bracelets, pins, rings, men's & kid's jewelry, and more! Please note: Friday will have timed tickets. No large bags or backpacks allowed. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/wmljewelrysale>

Save the Date:

Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

(The Fez Room at the Shriner's Auditorium)

Wilmington Memorial Library is hosting best-selling novelist Chris Bohjalian whose newest book *The Jackal's Mistress* comes out in March! This first event in our new off-site author series will feature a presentation by Mr. Bohjalian, book sales/signing, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Registration is now open: <https://bit.ly/wmlbehindthebook>

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.

Laser show to light up the sky as part of the Fun on the Fourth celebration

WILMINGTON — Get ready for an electrifying night as the Fun on the Fourth Laser Show takes center stage on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 9 p.m. on the Wilmington Town Common. This free, all-ages event will showcase a breathtaking, award-winning production by Pinnacle Lasers, delivering a stunning display of light and music that will

leave spectators in awe.

The laser show is part of the Wilmington Fun on the Fourth Celebration, a five-day celebration honoring the spirit of our community and nation. The celebration features a carnival, live music daily, free family shows and activities, two nights of fireworks, a 5K road race, and much more.

The full event schedule will be released in April on www.wilmingtoncelebrates.com.

Adding to the excitement, the laser show will be headlined by a well-known Boston DJ, providing high-energy music to complement the dazzling light display. The rain date is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2025.

This event is proudly sponsored by the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee. For more information, please contact fofcommittee@gmail.com.

Don't miss this unforgettable night of music, lights, and community spirit — a highlight of Wilmington's summer celebrations!

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

The Making of WHS Hadestown, Episode 1: A Gathering Storm

Take a look at this new docuseries, produced by WCTV's Aza Pietropaolo. Aza takes us behind the curtain for WHS Lighthouse Drama Guild 2025 Musical, "Hadestown." This project is an undertaking the likes of which Wilmington High has never seen before. In Episode 1, we meet the cast, crew and WHS staff who are

dedicating roughly two months of their lives to the production. We get a behind the scenes look at callbacks, auditions, and the feelings of students and staff as they embark on this journey. Stay tuned for more!

All About the Flavors Episode 11 — Cannellini and Spinach and Sausage Hungry yet?!

You will be after viewing this episode of "All About the Flavors!" Beans, spinach and sausage combine in this episode where chef Bob Hamel invites us into his kitchen to make this hearty and flavor-packed meal.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTVWilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, March 31, 6 p.m. Wildwood School Building Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22

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It is never too early to begin planning for retirement. Individual retirement accounts provide tax incentives for people to make investments that can provide financial security when they retire. These accounts can be with a bank or other financial institution, a life insurance company, mutual fund or stockbroker.

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What to consider before investing in a traditional IRA

- A traditional IRA is a tax-advantaged personal savings plan where contributions may be tax deductible.
- Generally, the money in a traditional IRA isn't taxed until it's withdrawn.
- There are annual limits to contributions depending on the person's age and the type of IRA.

When planning when to withdraw money from an IRA, taxpayers should know that:

- They may face a 10% penalty and a tax bill if they withdraw money before age 59½ unless they qualify for an exception.
- Usually, they must start taking withdrawals from their IRA when they reach age 73 (age 72 if they turned 72 in 2022). For tax years 2019 and earlier, that age was 70½.
- Special distribution rules apply for IRA beneficiaries.

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Shawsheen Tech senior Eliot Hong makes history with U.S. Naval Academy appointment

BILLERICA — Shaw-sheen Valley Technical High School proudly an-nounces that senior Eliot Hong has made history as the first Shawsheen stu-dent to receive an appoint-ment to the United States Naval Academy (USNA). A standout in the Electrical Program, Eliot exem-plifies Shawsheen's core values of accountability, integrity, and respect.

As he prepares to gradu-ate this June, he will carry these principles forward when he joins the brigade as a 4th Class Midshipmen (Plebe) on June 26, 2025.

Eliot's exceptional aca-demic and athletic per-formance set him apart as an ideal candidate for the USNA. He was recognized as a John and Abigail Adams Scholar for his out-standing academic achieve-ments, excelling both in the classroom and on the MCAS exam.

A tri-sport athlete, Eliot has competed in soccer, track and field, and most notably, swimming, earn-ing numerous accolades. In swimming he is a two-time MVP, CAC All-Star, and Coaches' Award reci-pient, and holds Shaw-sheen's record in the Men's 100-Yard Breaststroke and the Men's 200-Yard Med-ley Relay.

Beyond sports and aca-demics, Eliot is a dedicat-ed leader in the school community, serving on the student cabinet and men-toring students in Shaw-sheen's Diversity and Eng-lish Language Learners program. His guidance counselor, Kelly McFad-den, describes him as "a hardworking, diligent, and enthusiastic young man who constantly strives to be his best."

Eliot's passion for mili-tary service was inspired by his family's long tradi-tion of service and a visit to the U.S. Naval Academy to see his older brother.

"Witnessing the purpose-driven, service-centered individuals combined with my family's long history of military service is what inspired me to commit myself to a life of service and duty of defending our nation and the values it is founded upon," Eliot shared.

Gaining admission to the U.S. Naval Academy is an extremely competitive process, requiring candi-dates to meet rigorous academic, physical, and medical standards. Eliot successfully completed the Candidate Fitness Assess-ment (CFA), met stringent standardized test score requirements, passed the



Department of Defense Medical Examination Re-view Board (DoDMERB), and received a Congres-sional Nomination from U.S. Representative Lori Trahan of Massachusetts'

3rd Congressional District. Upon Induction on June 26, 2025, Eliot will official-ly begin four years of aca-demic and military train-ing at the highest caliber, whereupon graduation he

will commit to a minimum of five years of service in the U.S. Navy.

Expressing his gratitude for this prestigious oppor-tunity, Eliot stated, "I feel truly grateful and blessed

for this opportunity to serve our country and to pave the way for other like-minded students to take up this privilege and duty of service."

Eliot credits his older brother and Shawsheen teachers John Bagni and Michael Furey, for instill-ing in him a strong work ethic and enduring values.

"Although the electrical trade is not what I desired in the end, they helped me understand the meaning of hard work and taught me key principles and val-ues that will last a life-time," he said.

At the Naval Academy, Eliot plans to study Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, with aspira-tions of serving in elite military roles such as Na-vy SEALs, Marine Raid-ers, or Marine Infantry. Be-yond his military career, he envisions building a family — and even getting a pet monkey.

Shawsheen is incredibly proud of Eliot for achiev-ing this historic milestone, setting an example for future students. His ap-pointment highlights the strength of Shawsheen's academic, vocational, and athletic programs, demon-strating how students can excel in all areas and achieve success.

Wilmington seeks volunteers

The Town of Wilming-ton is currently looking for volunteers to serve on various boards and com-mittees including:

- Board of Assessors

- Carter Lecture Fund
- Economic Develop-ment Committee
- Scholarship Fund Com-mittee

Interested individuals

should complete the Ap-plication for Appoint-ment and return it to the Town Manager's office or email manager@wilmingtonma.gov

Mentor a young person in the community

Big Brothers Big Sis-ters of Eastern Massa-chusetts is looking for mentors who will volun-teer just a few hours a

month to help young peo-ple who need support. This organization has 75 years of experience serv-ing over 3,000 children. A

little time can make a big impact. To learn more or sign up at <https://emassbigs.org/cee/>.

Tewksbury Democrats to elect delegates to Democrat State Convention

TEWKSBURY — On April 12, 2025 at 10 a.m., Democrats will convene Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main St. to elect 14 delegates and four alter-nates to represent Tewks-bury at the 2025 State De-mocratic Convention.

Individuals aged 16 and above who have register-ed or pre-registered as Democrats in Tewksbury

by Saturday, March 29, 2025 may vote and be elected as delegates or al-ternates during the cau-cus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting

massdems.org/mass-dems-convention.

The 2025 Convention will be in person at the Mass Mutual Center in Spring-field on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Those interested in get-ting involved with the Tewksbury Democratic Committee should contact Cathy Dwyer at tewks-burydems@gmail.com.

Winter may not be over, as April Fools Blizzard proves

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

The month of March may have come in like a lion, but is most definitely going out like a lamb.

While many are embark-ing on full blown spring-time activities, including the storage of winter coats and boots until next win-ter, the seasoned New Eng-lander may be hesitant to put away the winter gear just yet.

Case in point: The April Fools Blizzard of 1997.

The 1997 April Fools Bliz-zard was the most signifi-cant winter storm of the '96-'97 snow season, dump-ing 25.4 inches of snow in Boston, making it not only the biggest April snow-storm on record, but also making April 1997 the snowiest April on record.

This blizzard was also the 4th largest snowstorm in the city's history, fall-ing in line behind the Blizzard of 2003 (with 27.6 inches), the Blizzard of '78 (with 27.1 inches), and the February 1969 Nor'Easter (with 26.3 inches).

The City of Worcester re-ceived 33 inches of snow during that same storm, making it the largest

snowstorm in Worcester history until the epic Jan-uary 2015 storm that pro-duced 34.5 inches of snow.

Before this April Fools storm hit, the Boston area had experienced a below normal snowfall that year with only 26.5 inches, far below the average area snowfall of 40 inches.

To say that New England-ers were taken by surprise with this April storm is not completely accurate.

According to the Nation-al Weather Service, be-cause of the almost week-long temperatures in the 50's and 60's that preceded the storm, the public did not take storm warnings seriously, which added to the chaos of the storm.

Because of the tempera-ture trickery of Mother Na-ture, the April Fools Bliz-zard lived up to its name, both because of the actual date of the storm, but also because it felt like a cruel joke.

Personally, I remember spending a mild, sunny Easter Sunday on Cape Cod with my family less than 24 hours before the storm hit.

After enjoying a nice stretch of "spring jacket" temperatures, it was more

than shocking to wake up the next morning to multi-ple feet of heavy, wet snow.

The intensity of the overnight snow left public transportation at a stand still, as the storm stranded about 1,000 motorists on roadways and closed Lo-gan Airport for days.

A State of Emergency was declared by Massachu-setts Governor William Weld, as the heavy, wet snow caused trees and limbs to come down throu-ghout the commonwealth, causing major power out-ages for the area.

According to informa-tion from CBS News, al-most 700,000 residents and businesses were left with-out power, and the Nation-al Guard was called in to help clear roadways.

Despite the fact that tem-peratures rebounded quick-ly, offering expeditious melting, it still took some areas days to clear road-ways and restore power.

As unusual as this storm was, the second largest snowfall in the month of April was 15 years earlier in 1982, when over a foot of snow fell in the Boston area.

As we lead up to April 1, 2025, it is a bit eerie how

similar the month of March 2025 is ending compared to March of 1997, with spring-like temperatures after a winter season with below normal snow accumula-tion.

Although the weather statistics for March of 1997 and 2025 are comparable, that does not necessarily mean we will experience the same weather of April 1997 in April 2025.

It is always hard to get experts to definitively pre-dict snowfall accurately, especially further than a day or two in advance, so when in need, many turn to the tried and true pre-dictions of the Old Far-mer's Almanac.

The Farmer's Almanac has been an important tool for farmers since 1792, predicting weather and

weather trends to help guide farmers into having successful crop seasons.

While devoted readers believe the Almanac's claims to be 80 percent ac-curate in predicting wea-ther, studies show that their success rate is closer to 52 percent accurate when it comes to predict-ing the weather.

Taking this information with a grain of salt, The Farmer's Almanac is pre-dicting temperatures will be warmer than average for April 2025, but below average for the month of May, and no significant snowfall predicted in the forecast.

Predictions for April 2025 weather made by The Weather Channel and AcuWeather Boston both concur with predictions

provided by the Old Far-mers Almanac, and Weather25.com forecasts two days of snowfall in April with a combined accum-ulation of a mere .051 inch-es.

If these predictions prove to be accurate, most will agree that the April 2025's weather forecast is one we can all live with, particu-larly for those New Eng-landers that experienced the April Fools Blizzard of 1997.

So, what should one make of all these weather pre-dictions? The answer is to hope for the best, but plan for the worst! Keep mov-ing forward with your spring season plans, but still keep those winter coats and boots easily accessible, at least until Memorial Day.

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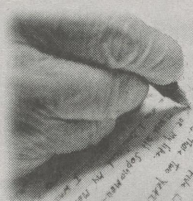
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Letters to the editor

~notice concerning local spring elections~

The *Town Crier* won't accept any letters related to the upcoming Wilmington and Tewksbury elections the week of the elections. All letters should be in by Tuesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. for the Tewksbury election and Tuesday, April 15 at 5 p.m. for the Wilmington election.

Thank you.

Public concern over privacy protection

To the editor,

Over the last two months, there has been much worry over whether our sensitive private information used by the federal government has been either compromised or illegally accessed by the non-congressionally approved, Presidential Task Force called DOGE or the Department of Governmental Efficiency.

DOGE has been tasked with rooting out fraud and abuse within governmental agencies including those that hold and safeguard our personal protected information.

Our confidence is shaken and our worries justified. There are laws that specifically lay out what defines protected information, who can lawfully access it and for what reasons. It is important to know what laws exist, and what the definitions are that would constitute an illegal breach and violation.

After the Watergate scandal, The Privacy Act of 1974 was enacted to safeguard individual privacy from indiscriminate use by the federal government and its agencies. This Federal Law prohibits disclosure of information absent of written consent of the individual.

Personal Protected Information includes:

- Names and Contact information,
- Financial Information
- Credit Card Numbers,
- Bank Account Details
- Social Security Numbers,
- Health Information,
- Login Credentials that include usernames, passwords and security questions

There are, however, 12 exceptions that allow federal agencies to disclose personal information without an individual's consent.

They include, but are not limited to:

- agency officers and employees who need the information to perform their duties,
- a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request,
- the Census Bureau,
- to either House of Congress or any committee or

subcommittee,

- to the National Archives for historical preservation, or
- pursuant to a Court Order

A breach of personal protected information occurs when unauthorized individuals access, acquire or disclose sensitive personal data.

Under the Privacy Act of 1974 penalties for unauthorized disclosure of personal information can include Criminal Penalty Fines up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to five years. Individuals that have been affected by a violation of the Privacy Act can bring a civil lawsuit against the agencies for damages. Administrative sanctions of federal employees involved in breaches can face disciplinary actions, including termination.

There are other federal statutes and laws protecting sensitive governmental data. They include:

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA),
- Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA),
- Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA),
- Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), and taxpayer privacy provisions in the Internal Revenue Code.

Presently, there are prominent challenges to, and lawsuits against, DOGE's access to Treasury Department systems claiming violations of the Privacy Act of 1974 and the federal laws protecting taxpayer data with unlawful access to Social Security Numbers and bank details.

It is vitally important to stay vigilant and informed as these challenges are deliberated in court. We will need to know to what extent any breach has occurred and what options we will need to pursue to re-establish our protections.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Barry,

Secretary

Wilmington Democratic Town Committee

Tewksbury needs a Karen

To the editor:

It's time to put the power of Planning Board back in the hands of the people. Which is why I've decided that I am supporting only

one candidate for Planning Board, my wife, Karen DiFruscia.

Karen is a mother and grandmother who raised her children here and has

called Tewksbury home for almost 30 years. She knows our town — and she will do the right thing for the residents here.

The Planning Board plays an outsized role in preserving the integrity of Tewksbury. It is a job that has little fanfare and a lot of work. We need a voice for us when big decisions about the future of our town is being made. We need a Karen!

On April 5, I'm casting my ballot for Karen DiFruscia for Planning Board, and urge my neighbors to do the same.

Thank you,
Marc DiFruscia



Elks present household supplies to Tewksbury Veterans Village

The Tewksbury/Wilmington Lodge of Elks 2070 presented household items such as pots, pans, cleaning products, and bedding to the Tewksbury Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Village at 1660 Main St., managed by Soldier On. Pictured is local director Casey DiCicco, Elks trustee Mark LeBlanc, Leading Knight Greg Ray, Veterans Committee for the Elks Vicki O'Leary, Elks trustee Tim Sheehan, Veterans Committee for the Elks Mary Donnell, Soldier On State Director Maddie Nigro, and Soldier On volunteer Sam Orphanas. The first three veterans were moved into the complex this week. (Courtesy photo)

Vote for Russo, a 'proven leader,' for Select Board

Dear editor,

It is with great enthusiasm that we endorse Rich Russo for Select Board. Rich is the kind of dedicated, hardworking and selfless leader our town needs. His years of extensive volunteer work and unwavering commitment to the community through various boards and commit-

tees demonstrate his deep passion for public service.

Rich doesn't just talk about making a difference — he puts in the time and effort to ensure our town thrives. Whether serving on key decision-making boards, working to improve local policies, volunteering for community initiatives or youth sports

boards, Rich has consistently shown that he is dedicated, knowledgeable, and ready to lead.

His leadership is marked by integrity, transparency and a genuine desire to listen to and advocate for the people. Rich understands the challenges we face and has the experience and vision to help

guide our town forward.

On Election Day, let's vote for a proven leader who puts the community first. Let's vote for Rich Russo for Selectman!

Respectfully,
Billy and Mandy Grant

Russo 'puts the needs of residents first'

To the editor,

We are writing in support of Rich Russo for the Tewksbury Select Board. We believe that Rich's strong background in both municipal and community leadership is a strength that will be an asset to the current committee. He has demonstrated long-term

engagement in public service to the town where he consistently puts the needs of residents first.

As a member of the School Committee, Rich has been dedicated in his commitment to enhancing educational outcomes and fostering a collaborative environment with educa-

tors, parents and administrators. His ability to listen to diverse perspectives and facilitate constructive discussions have made a significant impact on our schools' policies and initiatives.

Rich's contributions to the board will benefit our community as we strive

for continued growth and improvement.

Please join us in placing one of your votes on April 5, 2025 for Rich Russo for Tewksbury Select Board!

Thank you,
Bridget & Mike
Garabedian

Fennelly announces candidacy for reelection

Dear friends, neighbors and Wilmington voters,

I am excited to announce my candidacy for reelection to the Wilmington School Committee. Over the next few weeks, I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my accomplishments, my goals for the next three years, and the challenges we face as a school district.

Over the past six years on the committee, I've worked hard to advocate for the best interest of the students, families and staff of the Wilmington Public Schools. We've accomplished a lot in that time, but there is still work to do.

Over the next year, the School Committee will be responsible for hiring a new business manager/finance director to replace our retiring assistant superintendent and finance; hiring an interim superintendent to help guide the district in the short term and choosing a permanent superintendent to replace Dr. Brand that will lead us into the future.

We recently performed and received the recommendations of a safety audit for our schools and I look forward to working with leaders from our police and fire departments

to implement improvements where we can.

Lastly, we are in the final stages of planning and seeking the residents' approval for building a new elementary school on the "North" side of town and likely will need to explore a solution on the "West" side of town in the near future.

These are all important to the future success of our district, and I hope to play a role in these decisions while continuing to work to ensure that our students, their families and our staff have the tools and support they need to be successful.

If you are interested in

learning more about me or my campaign, I encourage you to visit my campaign's Facebook page.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about me. I look forward to getting a chance to meet as many of you as I can between now and Election Day. I've worked hard every day for the last six years to earn and keep your trust, and I humbly and respectfully ask you to consider placing that trust in me again and casting one of your votes for me on April 26.

Sincerely,
Jesse Fennelly

Vote for Ryan Lloyd for Tewksbury Select Board

To the editor,

Ryan Lloyd is a longtime Tewksbury resident. He graduated from Shawheen Tech in 2009. After graduating he enlisted in the US Air Force and served for 12 years in bases around the world.

Ryan got a bachelor's degree in political science from American Military University. He worked for different campaigns and organizations and advoca-

ted for veterans to get them the services they deserve.

Besides working for veterans causes he has been involved with local politics and is currently working as Chairman for the Tewksbury Housing Authority, sits on the Tewksbury Historic Commission, is an active member of VFW Post 8164, and sits in on Select Board and other town board meetings.

Some of his goals are:

- Keeping taxes affordable
- Preserving the "small town" feel. We don't want it to feel like a city
- Offering the voters someone on the Select Board who will listen to them and represent them
- Work with our regional partners and state and federal delegations to bring in funding to fix our aging water systems
- Increase security and assistance to the state hospital
- Work with Planning Board and town planner to implement new guidelines to increase our housing inventory and business partners while balancing traffic and infrastructure concerns.

Ryan devotes much of

his time making Tewksbury a place where people want to live, that he should be on the Select Board where he can make a difference. He has the drive and energy needed to make Tewksbury a place

where people want to live.

If you have any concerns about the direction things are going, then vote Ryan Lloyd on April 5.

Jim Harmon and
Joan Unger

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Retiring well: 68% of Americans say it's living a little by affording experiences that bring joy

(BPT) - What makes for retiring well? For most Americans, it's living a little by affording experiences that bring joy (68%) and enjoying a high quality of life (49%), balanced by the security of reaching savings milestones (68%), according to new Empower research.

Big and little joys
Most agree satisfaction in retirement includes the ability to pay bills on time and in full (68%) and living debt-free (63%) - including owning a home outright (55%). Some 42% of people say it comes down to experiences, like the ability to travel the world, and to give back by volunteering (25%).

Everything in its time
Having a clear timeline brings peace of mind for many - 66% say they have a goal retirement age in mind, including 73% of men and 61% of women.

Over two-thirds of Americans (67%) have savings milestones to reach before retirement - goals that they're striving for - including setting aside funds for emergencies (57%), travel (33%) and leisure activities like starting a new hobby (32%). About the same number (68%) say their

happiness in retirement depends most on reaching their retirement savings goal. Many Gen Xers emphasize leaving behind an inheritance for their children (42%).

Travel and leisure
When choosing a place to retire, most people (86%) prefer to live where they can maintain their lifestyle without stressing about money, and low cost of living (38%) factors high on the list. For many that means relocating, with 42% saying they plan to move to a different city or state to retire.

Some 37% prioritize proximity to family and friends, although 43% say they prefer to retire where it's more affordable, even if it means being far from their loved ones. For others, home is where happiness already exists - 23% describe their current location as their happy place.

Many see retirement as an opportunity for a fresh start; 16% of people imagine retiring in a different country altogether, seeking adventure and change in their golden years. Nearly 2 in 5 Gen Zers have set a goal for a travel fund (44%) in retirement.



Historic Melrose Rest Home under new ownership

Oosterman Rest Home, a landmark long-term care facility on Laurel Street in Melrose, has new owners.

The home, which has 25 beds for both men and women, is now owned and operated by Samina Kashif and her family. Kashif will serve as the Home's Administrator. The Kashif family also owns rest homes in Amesbury and Athol, Massachusetts.

Opened in 1946 by Eva and Grietsen Oosterman, the Rest Home has been family-owned and operated for four generations. The Oosterman name will remain.

"We always believed "Family taking care of Family" was our benchmark for providing top quality care," says former owner Bob Oosterman, "When we met Samina and her family, we knew they would carry on the tradition the Oosterman family is so proud of."

"When we heard that the Oosterman Rest Home was possibly up for sale, we were very excited," Kashif added. "They have a great reputation for quality care at affordable prices." Kashif said.

"We're honored to carry on the Oosterman tradition," she added. "They have established high standards of quality care and we intend to live up to them."

For more information, call Erica Brodie, Assistant Administrator, at 781-665-3188.



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= By Susan M. Mooney, Esquire =

Annual legal checkup for seniors - 2025

The best advice I can give to any senior is that pre-planning for your lifetime needs is critically important, as well as planning for distribution of your estate after your death.

An annual review of your estate plan is a good practice especially for seniors, or a review at any time when laws or life circumstances change due to health, living arrangements, or finances, or at least every five (5) years. The first step in any estate plan should include documents related to lifetime planning and protections, such as a Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. These documents take care of you during lifetime and ensure that during lifetime your financial and medical needs, intentions and wishes are followed. Further, estate planning documents, such as Wills and Trusts relate to division of your belongings and other assets after your death, in accordance with your wishes and direction.

The following is a list of documents and decisions to consider with your annual legal checkup in 2025.

- DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY:** A Power of Attorney is a very simple and inexpensive legal document that allows you to designate an individual who is authorized to act in your place during your lifetime, to conduct and participate in financial transactions on your behalf. By executing a Power of Attorney, you avoid the risk of the Court appointing a Conservator to manage your affairs if you were to become unable to do so.
- HEALTH CARE PROXY:** The Health Care Proxy is the single most important estate plan document that any individual can have. It is a simple and inexpensive legal document that appoints the person(s) of your choice as your health care agent, to make medical decisions on your behalf, ONLY in the event you are not legally competent or conscious to do so yourself. It is important to name agents to avoid a Court appointed Guardianship, which is costly and can be delayed for weeks or months when a decision may be needed urgently.
- HIPAA RELEASE:** Separate and apart and in addition to a Health Care Proxy, a HIPAA release will allow your medical team to release information to those you name on the HIPAA release, whether you are competent or not at the time.
- WILL:** Determine if you need a new Will, or if you need to update or amend a current Will so that your post-death

wishes will be followed regarding distribution of your estate.

- TRUSTS:** Determine if a Trust is advisable.

A Trust may be advisable if there is a specific need for holding assets in Trust, such as to protect assets for minor children or disabled individuals, to avoid probate, for tax planning, or in some cases for long term care planning.

- BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS:** Review and update all assets that allow you to designate a beneficiary, such as Life Insurance, Annuities, IRAs, 401ks, Retirement plans, etc. Assets with beneficiary designations are NOT controlled by your Will, unless you fail to name beneficiaries.

- REVIEW OWNERSHIP OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:** Bank accounts and investment accounts generally allow for PAYABLE ON DEATH (POD) or TRANSFER ON DEATH (TOD) designations. This form of ownership is generally advisable, as opposed to adding children or other relative's names to joint ownership on your accounts during lifetime. Joint ownership is generally ill advised, since your assets would then be exposed to the risks of the other joint owners, such as their accidents, divorces or their other financial risks and liabilities.

- LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION:**

Is there any planning advisable or recommended for you for asset protection purposes in case long-term care is needed or imminent? While pre-planning is advised, in the long-term care category many folks believe that planning must be completed five (5) years prior to the need for long term care. However, this is NOT always the case. Often planning can be beneficial even at the last minute when someone is near or already in nursing home care. DO NOT PRESUME IT IS TOO LATE TO PROTECT ASSETS IF YOU DID NOT PLAN FIVE (5) YEARS IN ADVANCE.

- FUNERAL PLANNING:** Prepaid funeral planning is a very good idea, to ensure that your burial wishes are followed, and most especially to ensure that your funeral is paid for, without risk that your funds are depleted on nursing home care without protecting funds for a proper burial.

Every individual's situation is unique, whether related to assets, health issues, or

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60% of Americans feel confident about reaching their financial goals

Retirement is a journey, and every milestone counts: New Empower research shows that Americans across generations are making progress toward retirement, from building emergency funds to paying off debt. While each generation faces unique financial challenges, many share a strong sense of optimism about their financial futures.

Key takeaways

* Optimism prevails: 60% of Americans feel confident about reaching their financial goals, with Millennials leading at 63%.

* Money moves: Nearly half of Americans (47%) have successfully paid off their debts, 40% have achieved homeownership, 39% have established an emergency fund, and 32% have started securing retirement savings.

* Retirement reality check: Americans aim to retire at 62 but expect they may work until 70. Rising living costs (70%), insufficient savings (50%), inflation (48%), and unexpected financial emergencies (39%) are among the common factors contributing to adjusted timelines.

* Through the ages: Americans aim to purchase a home by 38, build an emergency fund by 40, pay off debt by 42, achieve financial independence by 46, and accumulate retirement funds by 47.

* Planning for success: Nearly half of Americans (49%) have a clear financial plan to meet their money goals.

Progressing toward financial goals

Unretired Americans are making headway on key financial goals, with nearly half (47%) having paid off debt and 40% achieving homeownership. Many are also building a financial cushion - 39% have established an emergency fund, while 32% have started securing retirement savings.

For those still working toward these milestones, optimism is high. Sixty percent believe they will reach their goals, with Millennials (63%) being the most confident. On average, Americans aim to accomplish their financial milestones at specific ages: purchasing a home by 38, building an emergency fund by 40, paying off debt by 42, achieving financial independence by 46, and securing retirement funds by 47.

Nearly half of Americans (49%) have a clear financial plan to meet these targets, including 49% of Millennials and 50% of

Gen Z. Still, 32% recognize they need a structured plan, particularly among Gen X (37%).

Planning for retirement

Some 73% believe they'll retire at the age they envision, although 27% still express concerns about timing. This sentiment varies slightly by generation, with Gen Z (28%) and Millennials (27%) most likely to feel this uncertainty, followed by Gen X (26%) and Baby Boomers (11%).

To bolster their retirement plans, most Americans (67%) are focusing on reducing or eliminating debt, and many (63%) are supplementing their income with multiple jobs. Among younger generations, 68% of Gen Zers have taken on side hustles to help save for retirement, while 24% of both Millennials and Gen Zers are considering job changes for higher salaries.

Almost half of Americans (48%) are confident they'll maintain their current lifestyle in retirement, with Gen Z (51%) being the most optimistic. Setting realistic goals and making intentional financial decisions - like minimizing debt, pursuing additional income, and securing higher wages - can empower Americans to retire on their own terms and enjoy the lifestyle they envision.

Navigating retirement setbacks

Most Americans (54%) are on track to retire as planned, though some feel they have to delay an average of 6 to 8 years due to economic factors like rising living costs (70%), insufficient savings (50%), inflation (48%), and unexpected financial emergencies (39%). On average, Americans are targeting an average retirement age of 62 but anticipate they may work until around 70.

For those concerned about the potential impact of job instability, 49% are mindful of how an unexpected layoff might affect their retirement plans. This concern is shared across generations, with Gen X (52%), Millennials (48%), Gen Z (47%), and Baby Boomers (26%) reporting varying degrees of worry.

Building an emergency savings fund, regularly reviewing your retirement plan, and adjusting your budget as needed can help you stay on track. Seeking advice from a financial planner can also offer extra security and flexibility to navigate unexpected challenges.

The Fuller House Future Fund

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you on the behalf of The Fuller House of Stoneham, a 501 C 3 non profit organization, and our Charitable Campaign. We continue to thrive for over 100 years of continuous quality care to our senior citizens. What began in the early 1900's as a family's bequest of their home and substantial endowment with the vision to provide for the elderly population has blossomed into one of the finest small Rest Homes in New England.

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Become a part of our continuing history; donate now and make a difference by giving to The Fuller House Futures Fund. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be submitted to The Fuller House located at 32 Franklin Street, Stoneham, MA 02180. Tours are always welcomed.

Warm Regards, Judy Gallucci O'Brien, Executive Director James Corso, Board of Director President

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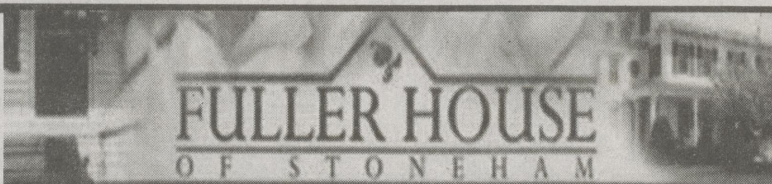
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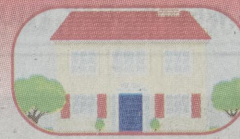
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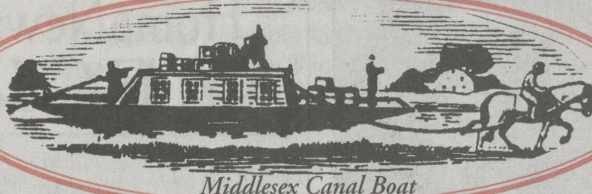
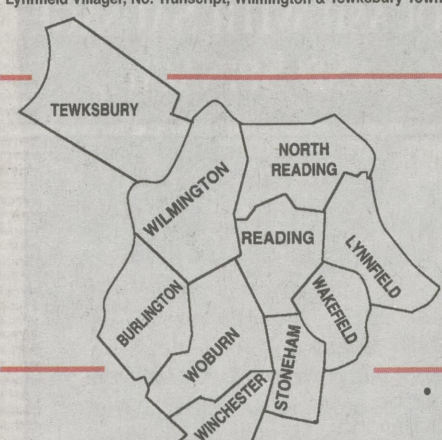


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Wilmington, Tewksbury have another chance to comply with MBTA zoning act

By RYAN LAROCHE

As the second deadline to comply with the MBTA Communities zoning law approaches, two local communities continue to struggle with how to adopt the bylaw and if residents even want to.

Both Wilmington and Tewksbury voters at Town Meeting last year rejected attempts to pass new zoning that would have complied with the state mandate that any MBTA (Wilmington) or MBTA-adjacent (Tewksbury) community must allow multi-family housing by-right within a half-mile of public transportation (or for MBTA-adjacent communities, they can choose an area that best fits).

The law isn't a mandate to build, but a mandate to zone.

With Wilmington having a commuter rail station, the Planning Board created a zone to encompass West Street, Burlington Avenue, Deming Way, and Main Street. The area on West Street, if approved, will include 100-104, which the town approved for a 40B development.

On Main Street, the zone will include only one side of the street between the corner of Burlington Avenue and the Hyundai dealership.

In Tewksbury, the zone, if approved, stretches from Oakdale Plaza to Heath Brook Plaza.

Both communities last year overwhelmingly voted against complying with the state mandate: in Tewksbury, 76 percent rejected the Planning Board's preferred zone while in Wilmington 65 percent did the same. Fortunately, for both communities, they get a second bite of the apple after the state's supreme judicial court ruled the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities failed to follow guidelines for promulgating compliance requirements.

Although the SJC ruling did uphold the regulation and rule it constitutional after the state sued several communities for failure to comply, justices did push back a new deadline for Town Meeting compliance to July 14 of this year.

"The court relied on its interpretation that the (state) legislature determined that this was a very important public purpose law," Tewksbury Town Counsel Kevin Fee-

ley told the Select Board back in January, adding how the attorney general may seek "more aggressive" forms of compliance over revoking any discretionary grant awards to towns.

The attorney general asserted that in addition to losing funding through state grant programs - often critical to town projects - towns may be held legally liable under federal and state fair housing and civil rights laws for unfairly limiting housing opportunities for families with children, individuals who receive housing subsidies, people of color, people with disabilities, or other protected groups.

Both towns, during debate at Town Meeting, cited the then-ongoing litigation as a reason to not support the zoning change. With the court case now in the rearview, some residents and government officials still don't support the zoning mandate.

There is another potential court case, as dozens of citizen groups, including in Wilmington, have filed a motion to begin a class action lawsuit against the state. These groups contend the law is unconstitutional as it is in conflict with the state's Home Rule Amendment Article 89 created in 1965 (basically, the right to self-govern) and the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine.

The problem is that even if this class action lawsuit goes forward, it would likely be well after the new deadline, meaning if Wilmington and Tewksbury reject the zoning again at Town Meeting in May to wait on this new lawsuit, both communities would remain out of compliance and, therefore, be subjected to 1) any punishment deemed fit by the attorney general and 2) the prospect of a special master coming in and drawing the zone for the state without any residential feedback or approval.



Feeley even acknowledged the possibility of the state selecting compliant zoning for the town if residents fail to adopt a district.

Meanwhile, some Select Board members in Tewksbury have specifically warned against picking a fight with the state.

Member James Mackey said, "I don't believe it would be prudent to pick a fight with the state on this," adding how a lawsuit would be costly.

Another public official who wants to see Tewksbury residents act on the new zoning is Planning Board Chair Steve Johnson who came to the Select Board this month arguing for the board to give residents another chance to vote on compliant zoning.

He did note how the state auditor called the law an unfunded mandate, but said that determination was not enforceable in and of itself, but could be used as evidence if the town were to go before the SJC to request exemption from the law.

As for any possible lawsuits, Johnson, an attorney, said there is no other path for towns to challenge the constitutionality of the law because the SJC is the highest court in the state and there is no basis for a federal court lawsuit because constitutionality concerns the Massachusetts constitution.

Some local officials, like Select Board member Mark Kratman, feel the state didn't do enough to mitigate or study the effects the law might have on small businesses. Johnson, however, said the state doesn't conduct studies for each individual community.

He also said any lawsuit brought by the town would cost taxpayers directly, as any legal expenses wouldn't be covered by insurance, pointing to the Town of Milton which spent \$300,000 "to literally have their heads handed to them."

The Planning Board chair did admit he didn't feel the law was well executed, but argued that many laws might not be well-executed, however, the town still needs to abide by them. Just because you don't agree with them, he said, doesn't make them not laws.

Another issue for Tewksbury concerns the upcoming election in April. One candidate running to join the Planning Board, Karen DiFrancia, said she was adamantly against the zoning mandate and supported the Town Meeting vote that rejected it.

In an interview with the Town Crier, she said, "Let me be clear, I am the only candidate in the race that opposes implementing this law in our town. I watched the Planning Board ignore the will of the voters and move the MBTA Communities Act forward again this year. This is not only bad policy, it is blatant disrespect for the voters of our town."

It should be noted the Planning Board wasn't disrespecting the voters by bringing the same zone forward; rather, they were attempting to help the town comply with the state mandate by using the zone members felt would cause the least disruption to the town.

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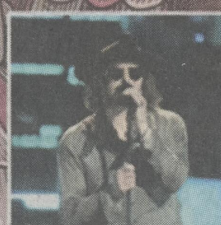
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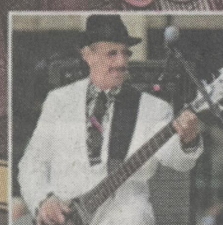
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By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Mirror mirror on the wall, what's the fairest Disney live-action remake of them all?

Wait, mirror. Hold on a second. Maybe choosing from the likes of "Alice in Wonderland" (2010), "Mulan" (2020) and "The Lion King" (2019) isn't such a good idea. Mirror, on second thought, what's on Netflix?

Even the most devoted fans would have to acknowledge that these have not been the most illustrious illustrations of Disney magic. At their best ("Pete's Dragon"? "Cinderella"?), they breathe life into old classics that could use a little updating. At their worst, well, blue Will Smith.

Given the rapacious rate of remakes in modern Hollywood, it's remarkable that it's taken nearly 90 years for Disney to return to "Snow White." It means going back to the very foundation of the Mouse House. The 1937 "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was Disney's first animated feature; its grosses paid for the studio's Burbank lot.

That legacy of "Snow White," by comparison, doesn't do any favors to Marc Webb's inevitably lesser, inert live-action re-tread. Good intentions, like swirling bluebirds, flutter through this "Snow White": to give its singing protagonist (Rachel Zegler) more agency; to expand that notion of "fair" beyond skin tone; to reframe that prob-

lematic prince. But all that updating adds up to a mish-mash of a fable, caught in between now and once upon a time.

It wouldn't be an earth-shattering observation to note that a 1930s cartoon, let alone a 19th century German folk tale, might not be entirely in line with contemporary culture. Most of these Disney live-action remakes have carried with them more than a few notes of correction and atonement for the past — a laudable goal that means a generation of kids might not need a brief history lesson to go along with an old classic.

But it's a tricky thing re-working a fable that's been around two centuries, and that's doubly true when leaping from the two-dimensional fantasy realm of animation to the more complicated land of flesh and bone. Webb's "Snow White" has been a veritable case study for the headaches that can arise when a window into the real world is cracked open. Everything from Israel's war in Gaza (Zegler and her co-star Gal Gadot, who plays the wicked stepmother, have differing opinions), the humanity of little people (there's a reason "and the Seven Dwarfs" has been stripped from the title) and the alleged "woke"-ness of the production have been fuel for what we can gently refer to as online debate.

Despite some gloriously lush production design, "Snow White" — innocent of most of those backlashes though not all — can't quite

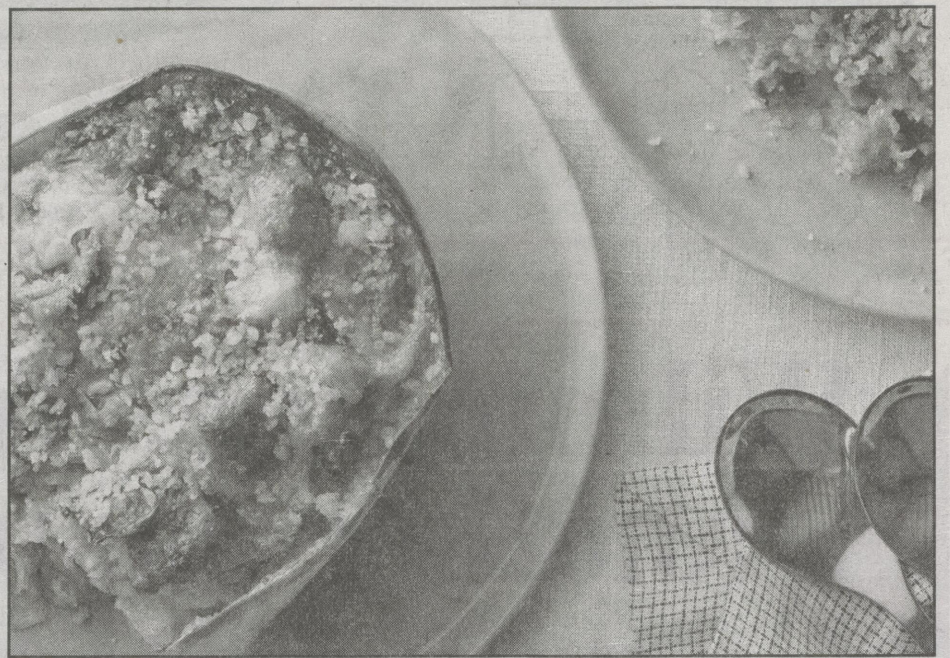
thread the needle. Even the new songs (by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul) that are good ("Waiting on a Wish") struggle to fit in alongside old standbys. Zegler does a spirited job remaking a classic Disney princess into a more modern woman; when she sings, the movie gets a lift. The last thing that's wrong with this "Snow White" is Zegler's casting.

But like scaffolding that's been left up too long, the strain of renovation shows in Webb's film, particularly in its awkward handling of Dopey, Sneezy and company. The seven dwarfs, like the fawns and squirrels, are rendered in CGI. You could argue that this acknowledges the artificiality of a dated and offensive trope. But it also gives "Snow White" an uncanny quality, with all human characters but the dwarfs being played by real people. As if to Band-Aid over this, one of the woodsmen is played by an actor of short stature (George Appleby) whose presence seems like yet another atonement, only one for this "Snow White," not 1937's.

You might be thinking: But what about the movie? The problem with "Snow White" is that you never stop thinking about these much-strategized and sometimes superficial efforts to recontextualize the original movie. Erin Cressida Wilson's screenplay remakes Snow White's story as less a princess awaiting her Prince Charming (the song "Someday My Prince

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

STUFFED SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH SAUSAGE AND SPINACH



TWICE-BAKED TASTE SENSATION - This rich, creamy and comforting meal shows you just how decadent spaghetti squash can be! In this twice-baked preparation, spaghetti squash is baked, then scooped out and combined with browned sausage, spinach, cream and cheese before being added back to its shell and baked again until warm and bubbly. It's the perfect dinner for a cozy night in.

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Line large rimmed baking sheet with cooking parchment paper; spray with cooking spray.
2. Place both squash halves cut side down on baking sheet. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until tender.
3. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat. Add sausage, onions and garlic; cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink. Reduce heat to medium; add flour, salt, pepper, pepper flakes and nutmeg. Cook and stir 1 minute. Gradually add spinach. Cook and stir just until spinach is wilted. Stir in whipping cream. Heat to boiling; cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes or just until thickened. Remove from

heat; stir in mozzarella and 1/2 cup of the Parmesan cheese until melted.

4. When squash is cool enough to handle, use fork to remove squash strands from shells, leaving shells intact. Mix squash strands into sausage mixture. Spoon filling into both squash shell halves

EXPERT TIPS

- Parsley, chopped and sprinkled over the toasted bread crumb mixture, makes a lovely garnish.
- A 4-1/2 lb. spaghetti squash was used when testing this recipe. To get the same results, we recommend you use the same size squash. If you are using a smaller squash, you may have excess filling, which can be spooned into a greased baking dish and heated in oven.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large spaghetti squash, halved lengthwise, seeded (4 1/2 lb)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 lb bulk mild Italian sausage
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 bag (5 oz) baby spinach
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 oz)
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (3 oz)
- 1/2 cup Progresso™ plain panko crispy bread crumbs

Will Come" has been jettisoned) than an heir to a throne who loses her gump-tion. Though taught as a child to be "fair" as a leader by her father king (Hadley Fraser), Snow White has lost any ambition by the time Gadot's Evil Queen takes over the kingdom.

Gadot sinks her teeth into the Evil Queen, a spikey, slinky villain who moves with a metallic rustle (the costumes are by Sandy Powell). But she feels cut off from the movie, without the lines that would

elevate her flamboyant performance into something memorable. The prince has been altogether scrubbed; instead Andrew Burnap plays the blandly cocksure bandit Jonathan who encourages Snow White not to wait for her father's rescue.

Presumably one of the reasons to bring actors into remakes of animated classics would be to add a warm-blooded pulse to these characters. Zegler manages that, but everyone else in "Snow White" — mortal or CGI — is as stiff

as could be. You're left glumly scorekeeping the updates — one win here, a loss there — while pondering why, regardless of the final tally, recapturing the magic of long ago is so elusive.

"Snow White," a Walt Disney Co. release is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for violence, some peril, thematic elements and brief rude humor. Running time: 109 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Now through April 9, winners announced April 11 Vote for the winner of Tewksbury Public Library's Tiny Art Show contest

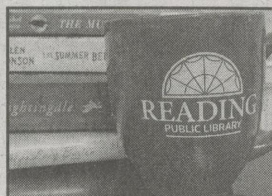
The Tewksbury Public Library received over 160 submissions from artists of all ages as part of the second annual Tiny Art Show!

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Voters didn't reject the zone because they didn't like it, they rejected it because they didn't like the law itself. Even though the law is now officially constitutional, Town Meeting is well within its right to reject it again.

Wilmington, meanwhile, remains in a similar boat. The Planning Board will against bring articles to Town Meeting to attempt to comply with the state's MBTA Communities Act. While Town Meeting rejected said articles at a special Town Meeting in December, Valerie Gingrich, the town's director of planning and conservation, said the Milton case confirmed that the law is constitutional and can be enforced.

The Planning Board back in February voted to recommend the Select Board bring the articles back at Town Meeting in May. According to Gingrich, warrant articles voted down at Town Meeting can't return next year unless the Planning Board recommends it to the Select Board and they allow it.

Earlier this month, the Select Board agreed to allow the articles to go before Town Meeting again, this time in May.

Select Board member Lilia Maselli said she was still opposed to the MBTA Communities Act and wondered why town should bring it back up, especially if it doesn't pass again and the attorney general chooses the zoning district area.

Town Manager Eric Slagle said he expected the town to be a part of a suit from the attorney general's office if Wilmington doesn't comply by July 14, and then the attorney general could get a court order which would allow another period of time to meet the statute.

After that, if Wilmington remained noncompliant, Slagle believed the attorney general would send in someone to write the zone on the town's behalf. He admitted it could be broad strokes or based on the action plan provided by the town.

Although members of the Select Board acknowledged

the town would probably lose any fight it picks with the state, Maselli said she would be willing to let the town fall out of compliance until the attorney general enforces the requirement.

Select Board member Gary DePalma offered his concerns about a "special master" drawing up plans for the town, noting he feared "they'll enforce something on us even worse than the plans we made."

Another Select Board member, Frank West, said he would vote against the zoning district. He argued the state's requirement doesn't truly create affordable housing and he saw no benefit to meeting the requirements.

He wanted to see Wilmington pursue an exemption to the guidelines. Slagle said, even if that happens, the town's counsel indicated the legislature could vote to remove the exemption even if the town received it temporarily.

With the election coming up in Tewksbury, many candidates have expressed opinions on the MBTA Communities Act. Ryan Lloyd, running for a seat on the Select Board, said he agrees with the concept of the law, though he doesn't agree with the proposed plans for the roll out, execution or implementation of it.

"I may not be a fan of the law, but I am a fan of the rule of law," he said.

He suggested fighting a law "that's already decided" could be a waste of the town's time and effort. Instead, the town should "put our efforts into upgrading and renovating our town's long ignored infrastructure."

Another candidate for Select Board, Lindsey Marie Dunlevy-Tosto, warned of costly consequences for noncompliance, pointing to the Town of Middleborough losing grant money for not meeting the zoning requirements. She felt the town needs open dialogue with the state for more flexibility to meet housing targets or zoning policies that meet Tewksbury's needs.

Next steps

Both towns have the chance to enter into compliance with the MBTA Communities Act this May through a vote of Town Meeting. Other, local communities like Winchester, Reading, Stoneham, and Burlington already supported new MBTA zoning regulations at their town meetings and, therefore, are in compliance with the state mandate.

Should either town reject the Town Meeting warrant article(s) for any reason, it

would remain out of compliance and likely not make the new July 14 deadline as imposed by the SJC. This means that community could be subjected to a loss of grant funding, a potential lawsuit for violating fair housing and civil rights laws and the state drawing up its own zoning district without the input of local officials or residents.

With the SJC ruling in effect, there doesn't seem to be another avenue for communities to explore. A class action suit, even if successful, would not override the

decision of the highest court in the state.

This doesn't necessarily mean either town has to support the Planning Board's zoning map; it does, though, mean potential pain for any community that doesn't. Residents will have to think long and hard about the consequences for not complying.

The SJC by pushing the deadline for town's to adopt new zoning to July 14 gave communities like Wilmington and Tewksbury a second chance. There isn't a guarantee of a third chance.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Brockton man arrested in alleged credit card fraud

Monday, March 17

1:24 a.m. - A suspicious vehicle was at Burger King with two people inside. Police sent. They spoke to the motor vehicle occupants and they were just having a conversation. The motor vehicle was moving along.

2:04 a.m. - Security reported suspicious activity at Atamian Honda with a vehicle on property not seen entering or leaving. Gray SUV. No further description. They didn't see it coming in, just saw it leaving. Left at 10 minutes ago. Police sent. They checked the lot and everything was secure.

Tuesday, March 18

8:57 a.m. - Caller requested to speak to an officer in regards to a stolen credit card/fraud at Speedway Gas Station. Police sent. Gilson Ramos, 36, of 66 Sycamore Avenue in Brockton, was arrested and charged with a warrant for animal ordinance, identity fraud, improper use under \$1,200 credit card, and receive lost credit card.

10:30 p.m. - Walk-in re-

quested to speak to an officer regarding a past dog bite at Maple Road. Nora Haddad, 25, of 51 Maple Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle suspended.

Wednesday, March 19

9:33 a.m. - Manager called and stated there was a hispanic male, with a beard, earrings, and heavyset with a hat at Market Basket North. He was in front of CVS and Spirits, asking people to buy him things. Police sent. They were unable to find party. Manager believed he may have walked into Lowell.

3:59 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle that was operating erratically pulled into Frasier Lane. Caller stated it almost ran another vehicle off the road. Police sent and checked the area. It was a misunderstanding.

4:55 p.m. - A 911 caller for a reported shop lifting at Market Basket North. Caller reported the male was switching prices around and was arguing with the store manager. Male was described as a Spanish

male with a black hoodie. That party ended up getting into a silver mini van and left the parking lot. Police sent. They served the male a no trespass order.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported a male party had been walked in circles and seemed to be talking to himself for the last hour at Rogers Street and Ginsburg Drive. Male described as a white male wearing a blue or black hoodie and khaki pants. Police sent. Male lived in the area and was walking for exercise.

7:21 p.m. - Caller reported two dogs were running and went into the Whipple Road. Caller described the dogs as a brown and tan lab. Caller continued driving. Log entry at this time.

8:39 p.m. - Uber driver stated a rider was in the area of Main Street with the intended destination of four Baron Park in Burlington. Police sent. Officer checked the area and the vehicle was gone on arrival. Burlington was contacted to go make contact with the rider.

10:37 p.m. - Caller repor-

ted five to seven minutes ago he saw a male party wearing all black walking at Trull Road and Old Main Street. Caller believed this was suspicious due to it being late. Male last seen walking down Trull Road toward Floyd Avenue. Police sent. They checked the area, but nothing was found.

10:55 p.m. - A 911 call for a physical domestic in front of the building of Extended Stay America. Call came from the front desk. Male was described as a large caucasian male with a tattoo, and the female was short caucasian with brown hair. Police sent. Female and male stayed in their separate rooms. Officer filed a report. Verbal argument between acquaintances.

Thursday, March 20

3:17 a.m. - A 911 caller was trying to break in with a rock at Mobil Tewksbury. Described as a white male, wearing a red hoodie, black jacket, and blue jeans. Last seen was in the back, possibly having a knife and trying to pry open door. He had video on his phone. Police sent. They spoke to manager about getting his video footage.

11:37 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding motorcycle in the area of Claire Street. Police sent. They spoke with those parties and the owner of the motorcycle and made them aware of

the situation.

2:18 p.m. - Police reported he received a call for a suspicious vehicle at Carter Street. Eliu Maldonado, 42, of 13 Bertha Circle in Billerica, was arrested and charged with two counts of possess open container of alcohol, operating motor vehicle with license suspended, possess to distribute class A drugs, and possess class B drugs.

4:46 p.m. - A 911 caller reported customers were verbally fighting at Market Basket North. Police sent. Cyndell Martin, 22, of 22 Bowers St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with warrant for assault and battery.

Friday, March 21

6:16 a.m. - Police sent to serve a warrant at Motel 6. Manuel Martir, 23, of 38 Bradford St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for malicious damage to motor vehicle, a warrant for operating motor vehicle with license suspended, and a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

7:51 a.m. - Caller at Vincent, Inc reported harassment from an employee on the overnight shift. Caller stated she was locked out of the house earlier in the evening. Police sent. The incident that occurred last evening was recorded.

12:45 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a silver pickup truck with veteran plate that was driving on the wrong side of the roadway at Walgreens. Caller crossed over into Wilmington and was transferred over to them.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported a male and a female yelling at each other at St Mary's Cemetery. Vehicle took a right on Andover Street toward Lowell. Police sent. The attached vehicle's operator saw a vehicle leave but never heard any screaming.

Saturday, March 22

10:39 p.m. - Manager at Longhorn Steak House reported five to six females being aggressive with staff trying to fight them. Females refused to pay and got in the silver SUV, speeding off property and took a right toward Lowell. Police sent. The vehicle left prior to officers arrival. No threats were made. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, March 23

2:37 a.m. - Front desk at Extended Stay America reported a male party who wanted to talk to someone. He was yelling at hotel staff. The front desk did not know his name but he was a guest there. Police sent. Male party was spoken to and wanted clarification on why doors were locked on overnight shift at the hotel.



Wilmington Police Log

Local man arrested for his second offense of OUI-liquor

Friday, March 14:

7:47 a.m.: A caller on Kendall Street reported a hit-and-run, with a white SUV hitting his gray 2008 Toyota Camry and taking off towards Billerica. Police were able to track down the owner of a white 2021 Nissan Kicks, who provided information.

6:30 p.m.: A 2-car rollover motor vehicle accident was reported on the I-93 SB highway, with one car found smoking in the woods, and the other sitting on its roof in the first lane. One person was ejected from their vehicle, but was up and walking at the scene, and was later taken to the hospital by the fire department. State police handled the situation.

7:18 p.m.: Joshua D Quintero of 46 Cunningham St., in Wilmington, was arrested for a 2nd offense of OUI-Liquor over .08% and leaving the scene of property damage. This followed a caller on Wildwood Street reporting that a black 2022 GMC Sierra had rear-ended her car in front of McKinnon's and continued driving onwards.

Saturday, March 15:

3:57 p.m.: Trinity Marleen Quinto of 141 Westwood Dr., in Nashua, NH, was arrested for tagging property and walking or

riding on a railroad track. This followed Keolis reporting a group of people on ladders spray painting an abutment under the I-93 overpass on Westdale Avenue.

4:04 p.m.: A gray 2019 Subaru Forester and a white 2016 BMW X3 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Ballardvale Street. The caller who reported this was arguing with the other person involved, and one person complained of back pain.

4:13 p.m.: A caller on Fairmeadow Road reported his neighbors were yelling at him about parking his vehicles on the roadway due to a dumpster in his driveway.

Sunday, March 16:

2:06 a.m.: A caller reported seeing a black 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee on its roof on the median on the I-93 NB Rt. 35 Ramp. The driver had already been removed from the vehicle. Mass Highway was notified about the broken piece of guardrail, and state police handled the situation.

Monday, March 17:

9:35 a.m.: A black 2019 Ford Ranger drove through a fence near the Heavenly Donuts on Main Street.

4:23 p.m.: A blue 2025 Honda Civic and a gray 2021 Ford Transit were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Dollar General on Main Street. Airbags were deployed, but no injuries were reported.

11:50 p.m.: A caller on Horseshoe Lane reported hearing a man screaming. Police spoke with a resident who said they believed it was the TV.

Tuesday, March 18:

12:55 a.m.: Frankie M Rich of 19 Shaw St., Apt. #1, in Lowell, was issued a summons for failure to

stop for police, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, failure to stop/yield, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his red 2023 Toyota Corolla on Concord Street.

5:17 p.m.: A caller at the Willowbrook Rehab on West Street reported a case of patient neglect. Police spoke to the caller and staff, who came to an agreement for the staff to make arrangements with the kitchen staff for a better meal plan, while the caller was advised to stop calling 911 for non-emergencies.

10 p.m.: A caller on Shawsheen Avenue reported their home alarm was going off; she had since silenced it, but the outside sensor lights kept flashing on and off. Police checked the outside of the property, and found an animal in the front yard that was

likely tripping the alarm.

Wednesday, March 19:

2:26 p.m.: Delwyn Elizeo Perez of 53 O'Callaghan Way, in Lynn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration. This followed a stop of his white 2021 Ford Mustang on Salem Street.

4:43 p.m.: A caller reported a case of credit card fraud that had happened on March 7, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

6:36 p.m.: A gray 2007 Toyota Prius and a white 2016 Chevy Cruze were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Learning Experience on Main Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported. Police assisted with paperwork ex-

change.

Thursday, March 20:

2:30 a.m.: David A Doucette of 3121 Evergreen Dr., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his blue 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Classic on High Street.

7:56 a.m.: A blue 2012 Honda Fit and a black 2011 Jeep Compass were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Glen Road. No injuries were reported, and no airbags were deployed.

1:00 p.m.: A white 2002 Hyundai Sonata was involved in a motor vehicle accident with an Amazon truck. The fire department took one person to Winchester Medical Center, and Amazon employees retrieved the packages and truck from the scene.

Public Health Week 2025

TEWKSBURY — The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts is pleased to celebrate Public Health Week 2025. Marked nationally during the first week in April each year, the celebration recognizes the contributions of public health professionals and explores topics that are important for our collective health.

The museum will present a range of programs, free for the public.

On Monday, April 7, Go behind the headlines with Dr. Catherin (Katie) Brown, Massachusetts State Epidemiologist and Public Health Veterinarian, and current president of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists as she gives a clear and authoritative overview of the current

Bird Flu epidemic. Learn about avian influenza, the current situation, and risks.

On Tuesday, April 8, Prevention Partners of Northern Middlesex will present free naloxone/Narcan training at the museum. Learn how to spot an overdose, how fentanyl is making its way into look alike medications, and how to administer a life-saving dose.

On Thursday, April 10, the museum will be open free for tours from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Learn about the history of public health through artifacts and the stories of those on the front lines. See the new exhibit, Pandemics: Is Hindsight 2020? as it draws parallels between the influenza pandemic of 1918 and

the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

On Friday, April 11, local public health leaders will convene a Public Health Forum, moderated by Professor Harold Cox of the Boston University School of Public Health to discuss the challenges that local health boards and public health officials face in providing an increasingly wide range of services.

And, on Saturday, April 12, the museum will host a tour of the Pines Cemetery in Tewksbury. Learn the history of the 10,000 souls buried in this pauper cemetery. Tour is \$15 and space is limited. Registration required.

For the full schedule of events visit www.publichealthmuseum.org. All

programs are free and open to the public, but pre registration for some programs may be required.

About The Public Health Museum
As the first in the nation museum focused on public health, the museum explores the history and accomplishments of public health through artifacts and exhibits. Learn about Infectious Diseases, Patent Medicines, Food Safety and Pasteurization, early Mental Health, Nursing/Education, early Dentistry, and more. The museum also features an iron lung; a lifesaving machine for those stricken with polio.

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Explore global cultures at Shawsheen's Culture Fair

BILLERICA — The community is invited to a vibrant Culture Fair on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School. This student-led event, organized by the Multicultural Student Association, will showcase the rich traditions of 16 different countries

through food, music, games, and fascinating cultural insights.

This free event is open to everyone, and they encourage all community members to join in the celebration. Attendees will receive an activity passport, allowing them to engage with the exhibits, interview partici-

pants and reflect on their learning experience.

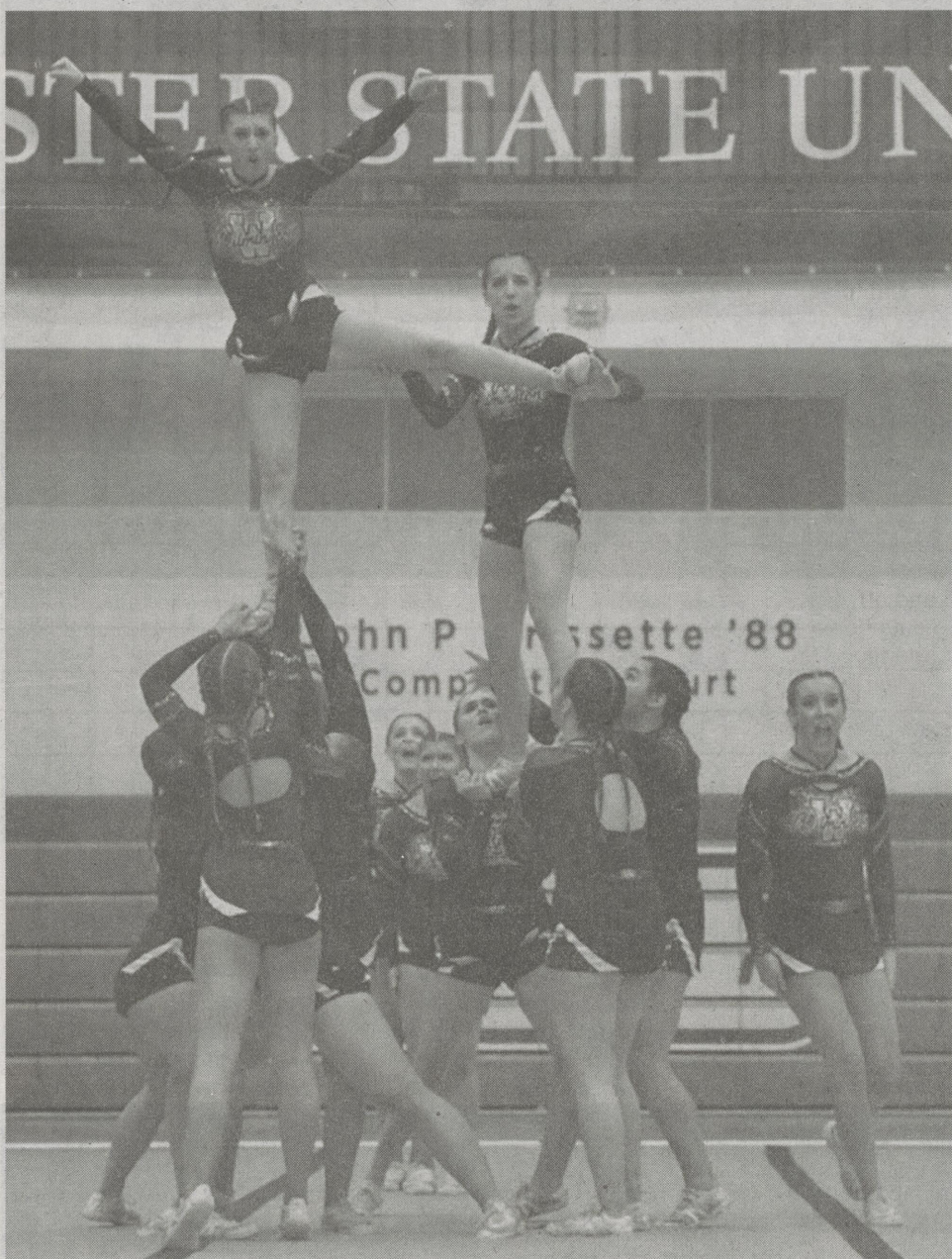
Shawsheen students can earn extra credit in their social studies classes by completing the passport activities.

The Skills Leadership Team and National Honor Society proudly sponsor this event, reinforcing their commitment to cul-

tural awareness and community engagement.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore global cultures right in your backyard!

For more information, please contact Shawsheen's English Language Learner Coordinator Anastasia Campbell at acampbell@shawtech.org.



Wildcats are second in New England

Wilmington High cheerleading squad wraps up historic season

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The Wilmington High cheerleading team certainly finished the winter season in style.

After winning a state championship the previous weekend, the Wildcats traveled to Worcester to compete in the New England championship competition and finished second behind only Medway.

WHS coach Kyle Bolarinho was thrilled with her team's finish to the season.

"Competing with such a highly skilled teams from all over New England is an

absolute honor and to land second out of them is unreal," said Bolarinho. "Middlesex League champs, North regional champs, state champs and New England second place, I mean come on. The girls preserved this whole season and ended with a bang and I couldn't be more proud of the hard work and dedication I received from each and every one of them. Now it's time for a little break before we get going again for the fall."

Shannon Barrett was Wilmington's assistant coach. Team captain Bella Iascone was the lone senior on the squad.

Juniors included Emma

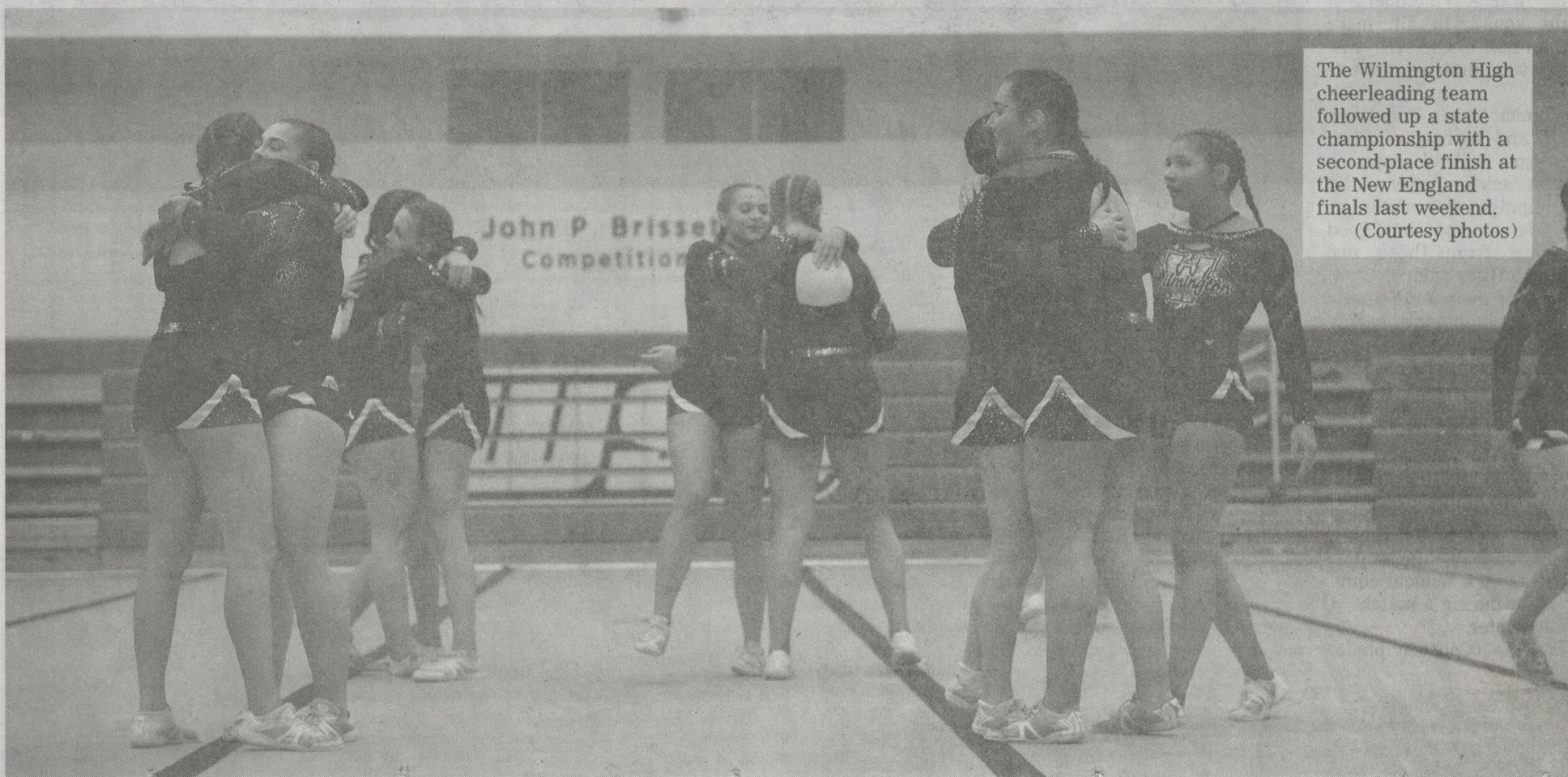
Chirichello, Erin Murray, Lilly McLaughlin, Isabella Cooper, Lily King and Maya Lanzi.

Sophomores on the championship roster include Hailey Reguera, Olivia Martiniello, Gianna Jordan, Aubrey Annarelli and Ava Potvin.

Two freshmen on the team are Abby Joyce and Sofia Kenney.

"Bittersweet moment though, letting go of our only senior Bella Iascone," Bolarinho said. "Over the years she's done incredible things and the end result shows how her hard work has paid off, she'll be missed like crazy."

The Wilmington High cheerleading team followed up a state championship with a second-place finish at the New England finals last weekend.
(Courtesy photos)





▲ The Wildcats were all smiles after another solid performance at a tournament earlier this year.

(Courtesy photo)

WHS wrestlers continue to grow

*Led by Said,
Wildcats had
memorable
season on
the mats*

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It was a memorable season for the Wilmington High wrestling team.

"We're still young and we only picked up three wins as a team this year, but we had some standouts," said WHS coach Kevin Riley.

Senior captain Mohaned Said was Wilmington's top performer.

Said went 38-8 for the Wildcats at 190 pounds and finished a three-year career with a record of 77-38.

As a senior, Said made the finals of both the state and sectional tournaments, won his weight class at the Sons of Italy tournament hosted by Wilmington, made the finals of a tournament at Pentucket Regional and was a semifinalist at an event in Belmont.

"He had a great year," Riley said. "And 190 pounds was stacked this year. He's a tough kid and we're really going to miss him."

The Middlesex League recognized Said's talents and named him an All-Conference star for 190 pounds.

Senior Nicholas Corsetti was a second-year wrestler and competed at 138 pounds for the Wildcats.

"His goal this year was to qualify for the state tournament, which he did," Riley said. "He wrestled tough in the state tournament. It was a great accomplishment for a second-year kid."

Corsetti ended up placing third at the sectional tournament. Additionally, he earned a fourth-place finish at Pentucket's tournament and finished the season with a 14-12 record.

Riley was pleased with the younger members of the squad. In all, more than half of the WHS roster was first-year wrestlers.

Junior Mason Kwiatkowski and sophomore Theo Bryson will be captains next season after solid campaigns this winter.

"We're expecting good things from those two guys," Riley said.

Junior John Jon Panatta was Wilmington's heavy-weight this year and had a solid season, placing sixth at the sectional tournament and reaching the

semifinals of the tournament in Belmont.

"We're hoping for big things next year for Jon," Riley said.

Sophomore Adam Saied will also be back for Wilmington and sophomore John Murray had a good season as well.

Freshman Sam Beaudoin at 106 pounds and ninth grader Josh Lopez at 120 enjoyed good rookie campaigns for WHS.

"They're both working hard in the offseason," Riley said. "We're excited. We're hoping that these kids stick around and hopefully in another year or two we'll be making noise as a team in the league."

Included in the season's victories was a thrilling 42-39 win over Burlington that saw the Wildcats get victories from Said, Bryson at 165, Saied at 157, Kwiatkowski at 144 and Murray at 132. Freshman Connor Canevari (120) and freshman Colby O'Brien (113) were winners by forfeit.

"We've been lucky with Burlington," Riley said. "We've had back-to-back wins against them the last two years. It's a tough league and it's a tough sport in general in this area."

It's tough to be successful around here, that's for sure.

Along with Said and Corsetti, other seniors on the team included Eric Zou, Uriel Hernandez and Kenny Branley.

Additional juniors were

► Julien Cella (right) came back to the program to help coach the Wildcats this season. (Courtesy photo)

Conor Burns and Robert Saint-Hillien and other sophomores on the squad consisted of Rafael Hernandez and Nick Nelson.

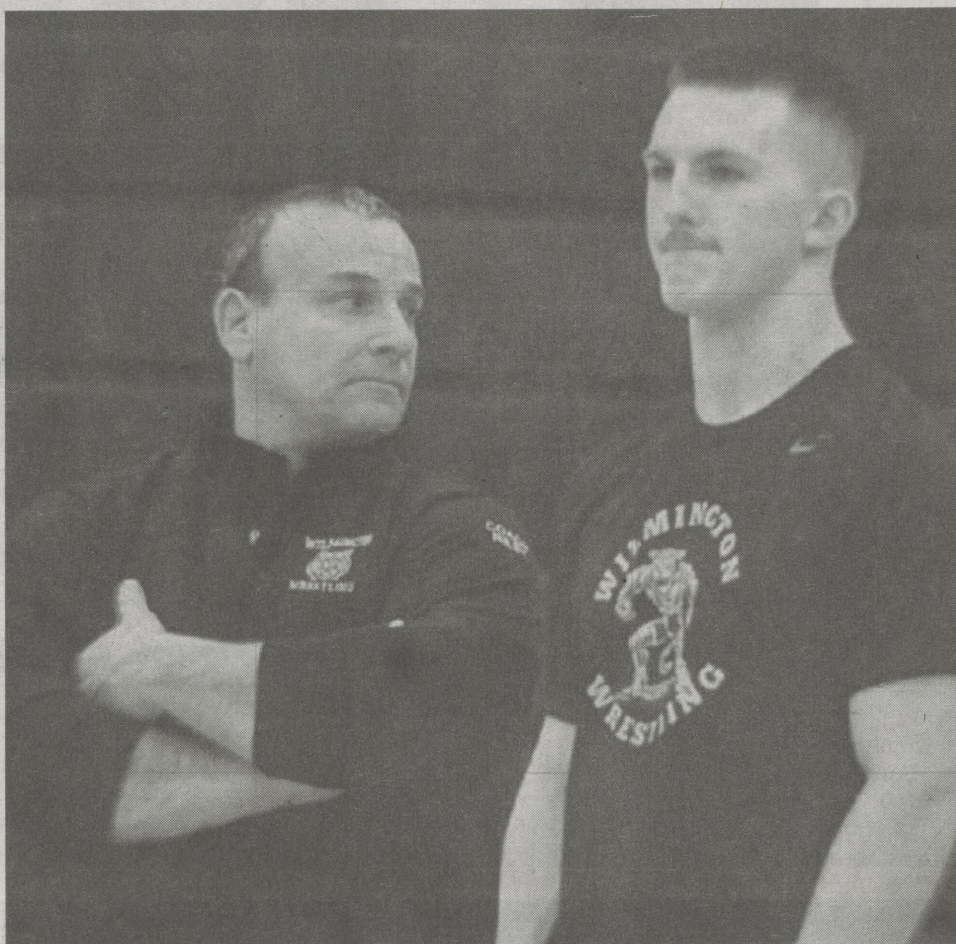
Remaining freshmen on the roster were Ronan O'Shea, Brady Beldekas, Domenic Bonanno and Brody Humphrey.

Riley was also pleased with the contributions of his coaching staff including former WHS captain and standout Julien Cella, who jumped in as an assistant coach this season.

"He's a former sectional champ and two-time captain," Riley said. "He came on kind of last minute and stepped in and did a phenomenal job. For a kid who is only one year detached from high school himself, he just brought a whole new level of energy which I can appreciate being the old guy. He brought enthusiasm to that practice every day."

Coach Cella did a great job for us this year and we're hoping to have him come back next year."

► WHS wrestling should have several returning starters back next year. (Courtesy photo)



► The Wilmington High wrestling coaching staff cheers on a Wildcat competitor during a match this winter.

(Courtesy photo)

Kylie DuCharme and the Bentley University women's basketball team recently wrapped up one of the best seasons in school history. (Courtesy photo)



DuCharme, Bentley fall in national quarterfinals

Wilmington resident and Falcon senior conclude amazing season

(Courtesy of Bentley University athletics)

One of the greatest seasons in the long and successful history of Bentley University women's basketball drew to a close Monday afternoon in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight at the UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse.

It was a back-and-forth contest, with a dozen lead changes and seven ties before Union University (Tenn.) closed with an 11-2 run over the final five minutes to prevail, 80-66, and snap the Falcons' 29-game winning streak.

Bentley, which was seeded second in the Elite Eight and ranked third in the most recent WBCA Division II coaches poll, finished the season at 33-2 overall.

Union, the seventh seed and the number nine ranked team, improved to 33-3

with its 19th consecutive win. The Bulldogs will face Cal State Dominguez Hills in Wednesday's national semifinals.

Union's strengths include making three-pointers and forcing turnovers, and that is what they did against the Falcons. They scored 20 points off 16 Bentley turnovers and buried a dozen from distance, including a five-of-six effort from deep by senior guard Bethany Dillard (Maumelle, Ark.).

Before the strong finish, there was very little separation between the two teams, with the biggest spread being seven points. The game was tied at 18 after one and 35 after two and it was a five-point game after three, with Bentley down 60-55 after giving up 25 in that stanza.

Union induced two early turns to jump out to a

quick 7-0 burst. Coach C White's Falcons quickly answered with seven of their own, forging the game's first deadlock. Senior guard Amanda Kabantu (Portland, Maine/Portland HS) stuck a three, and junior point guard Cassidy Yeomans (Marion/Tabor Academy) followed with two baskets.

That 7-0 surge grew to an 18-11 run, including a fast-break layup by senior forward Kylie DuCharme (Wilmington, Mass./Wilmington HS) to end the first.

Bentley was down seven with three-and-a-half remaining in the second but again battled back to draw even by the break. DuCharme scored five of the nine and also had a block during the comeback.

Both teams shot very well in the third but the Falcons lost ground despite making

six of seven shots in the quarter and seven of 10 free throws. Union connected on 9 of 16 and came up with six takeaways.

Still a five-point game midway through the fourth, Bentley went cold, missing 11 straight shots before sophomore guard Niya Morgen (Swampscott, Mass./St. Mary's HS) ended the drought on a drive with 1:47 left. By that point, the difference had grown to 12 points.

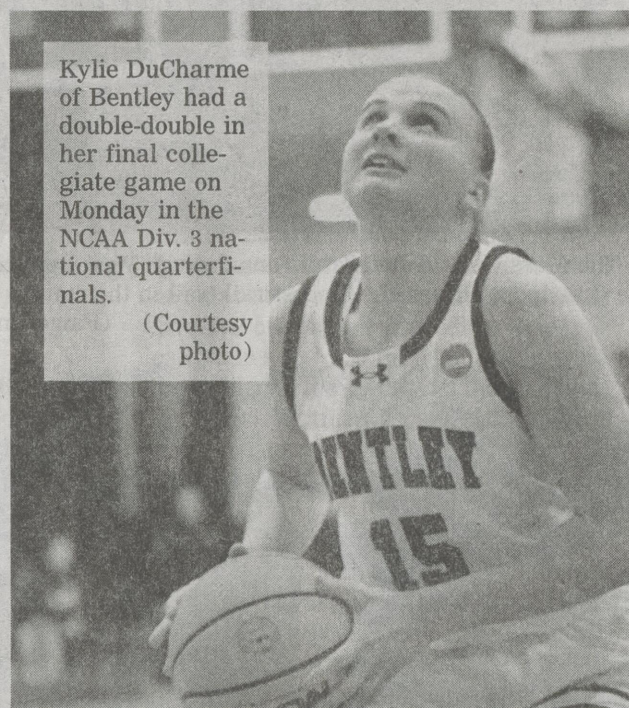
Bentley, which shot 56 percent from the floor in the first 35 minutes, was off the mark on 16 of its final 17 shot attempts.

DuCharme posted a double-double, finishing with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Whitmore followed with a dozen points, and both Morgen and Yeomans scored 11.

Yeomans was on the court for the entire 40 min-

Kylie DuCharme of Bentley had a double-double in her final collegiate game on Monday in the NCAA Div. 3 national quarterfinals. (Courtesy photo)



utes against the full-court Bulldog pressure. Graduate guard Brooke Obar (North Yarmouth, Maine/Greely HS) added five points and five assists, and Kabantu finished with eight points, six rebounds and four assists.

Union received 16 points from six-foot senior Macey Lee (Jackson, Tenn.) and 15 from Dillard.

The Falcons had the rebound edge, 39-33, but Un-

ion had the advantage in three-point shooting (12 of 29 as compared to 7 of 29), points off turns (20-6) and second chance points (11-5).

It was the final game in a Falcon uniform for a number of Falcons: DuCharme, Whitmore, Kabantu, Obar and Grace Klonsky (Lynnfield, Mass./Lynnfield HS).

Combined, they played 536 games in a Bentley uniform.

Arena football season is back

Lowell-based squad drops opener, back in action Friday

Massachusetts running back Pooka Williams scored three touchdowns, but it was not enough as the Jacksonville Sharks defeated the Pirates 46-25 in the Indoor Football League 2025 season opener at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

The Sharks took advantage of two first-quarter turnovers to gain momentum to take a 13-0 lead.

Jacksonville defensive back Malik Jones intercepted a Kenji Bahar pass on the seventh play of the game. It took only one snap to turn that into points as quarterback Kale Barker connected with Ka'ron Ashley on a 40-yard strike for a 7-0 lead.

The next Pirates possession lasted only two plays as this time Bahar was picked off by John Huggins. Two plays later it was Barker to Jaedon Stoshak with a 10-yard TD pass.

Williams scored his first touchdown on the next drive with an eight-yard run as the quarter ended 13-7 Sharks.

That lead expanded to 19-7 as Ashley pulled in a 16-yard pass for his second score of the evening as the second quarter began.

After a missed 57-yard field goal attempt by the Pirates', Timmy Bleekrode, Jacksonville made it four straight scoring pos-

sessions as Barker threw his fourth TD pass of the night to Edward Vander from 15 yards for a 26-7 Sharks lead. Marquis Waters did intercept Barker right before halftime to give the Pirates hope.

The Sharks started the second half with a bang as Tyler King returned the opening kickoff 46 yards for a touchdown, making the score 32-7.

The Pirates offense found itself in the early third quarter as Bahar connected with Teo Redding with a 13-yard pass to give Massachusetts at first and ten on the Sharks 15 yard line. Three plays later Bahar carried the ball the final yard into the endzone to make it a 32-13 game.

The Pirates Marcis Floyd intercepted Barker but the home team could not capitalize and turned the ball over on downs. Barker's next pass was his third interception of the game as Donnie Lewis Jr. of the Pirates secured the ball, but Massachusetts would give it right back as a Bahar fumble was recovered by Malik Jones. Three plays later Vander scored on a two-yard run to push the score to 39-13.

The Pirates began their next drive on their own five-yard line. As Bahar dropped back into the end

▲ Massachusetts Pirates defensive lineman Terry Beckner Jr. (97) fights through a double during Friday's Indoor Football League game at the Tsongas Center. The Pirates fell 45-26.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)

zone Noah Lyles forced a fumble which was recovered at the one by RJ Wilkins. The next play saw Jimmie Robinson score for Jacksonville. It was the fourth time in the game that the Sharks converted a turnover into points, giving them a 46-19 lead.

Williams scored on a two-yard touchdown run and after a fumble recovery by Dominic Quewon, he added a six-yard scamper to make the final score 46-25.

The Pirates will look to turn things around on Friday, March 28 at the Tsongas Center against the Quad City Steamwheelers at 7:05 p.m.

► Pirates wide receiver Isaac Zico, rear, is tackled just shy of the first down marker by Sharks defensive back Malik Jones.

(Credit Image: James Thomas)



Lifestyle

Take a walk in WEST BOYLSTON

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

Rising above the Wachusett Reservoir on a point that juts out into the water, the impressive Old Stone Church sits quietly on the shore. The 1891 landmark is on the National Register of Historic Places; its granite walls and vaulted roof heavily restored.

The church served as a house of worship for the community

of West Boylston for just a few years in the late 1890s when a nearby Baptist church burned down.

The Town of West Boylston was later partially flooded in 1897, along with parts of Clinton, Boylston, and Sterling to create the Wachusett Reservoir. Boston needed more water and creation of the reservoir was the solution at the time.

The church is a stunning subject to photograph in any season. While completely empty inside, the original doors, furnishings, and stained-glass windows are preserved in the Masonic Lodge in the Town of West Boylston today.

The property is managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the shell is often used for small weddings or as a graduation and prom photo backdrop. The church is located on Beaman Street and there is parking near the gate.

Trails around the reservoir make it a great spot for hiking and exploring.

Nearby is the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail. We parked at the lot on Thomas Street, also in West Boylston, and wandered in to survey the trail. Though a little snow covered on the day we visited, the stone dust path was flat and provided good traction.

The path winds along the Quinapoxet River, following

the former Mass Central Railroad line, which stretched 104 miles from Boston to Northampton in its heyday. According to masscentralrailtrail.org, Calvin Coolidge used to ride this train to the statehouse each day when he was governor of the Commonwealth (1919-1921).

Much of the line was wiped out during the hurricane of 1938, and efforts have been underway for the last 30 years to bring all of the pieces of the original trail back as a multi-use recreation corridor.

So far, the Mass Central Trail has 63 miles of trail opened, with 94.5 miles of the original 104 protected. The project has worked with a host of communities to educate property owners about the benefits of having a shared used trail.

The vision of a "linear park" that runs east to west in the Commonwealth is one that is shared by many. The goal is to connect the MCRT to other trail networks such as the Bay Circuit Trail, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, New England Scenic Trail, and be a counterpart to the Appalachian Trail.

Consider heading out to West Boylston and explore the many trails, scenic points, and history of this gem of natural resources, just about 45 minutes from here.

For more information or to download a trail map, visit massrailtrail.org.



▲ The Mass Central Rail Trail runs through West Boylston along the Quinapoxet River, the longest rail trail in the state. (Paige Impink photo)

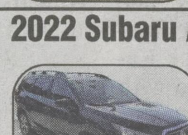


◀ The Old Stone Baptist church on the Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston is an impressive and often photographed building. (Paige Impink photo)



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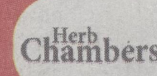
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Breathe easier at home and on the road with these 5 tips

(BPT) - How often do you think about your indoor air quality? While many might assume the risk of encountering pollutants and allergens only exists outside, these harmful toxins can't be left at the door and can actually pose an unseen threat in your home, your office and even your car.

Even the cleanest indoor spaces can have harmful particles wafting around the air. In fact, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, pollutants are two to five times more concentrated indoors, where Americans spend approximately 90% of their time.

From dust to dander to pollen and smoke, outdoor pollutants and indoor allergens can invade your personal spaces through the tiniest of entry points and negatively impact your health. Sustained exposure to poor air quality can lead to more serious health conditions.

Luckily, indoor air quality is something you can control. Take a look at these five simple tips that you can try to improve the air quality in your most frequented spaces so you can breathe easier and live healthier.

1. Vacuum frequently with a HEPA filter

Dust, allergens and pollutants can accumulate on your floors, carpets, car seats and more, and become airborne during daily activity. To promote healthier air quality, vacuum frequently using a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter.

When it comes to indoor air quality, HEPA filters are the gold standard. According to the Allergy & Asthma Network, these filters are designed to capture 99.7% of all particles 0.3 microns or smaller, including mold, pet dander, dust mites, pollen and some small particles from smoke and pollution.

Aim to vacuum the whole house once a week and high-traffic areas, like the kitchen, entryway and living room, two to three times a week. As for your car, give the seats and carpets a good vacuum about once a month.

2. Clean your car often

Have you considered your car's indoor air quality? Whether you spend hours commuting or making several quick trips around town, improving your in-car air quality is crucial. In addition to making changes like recirculating the air in the car instead of bringing polluted air from outdoors, you can improve your car's indoor air quality by cleaning it often.

Much like your home, your car accumulates dust. The American Lung Association recommends regularly wiping down the console, dashboard and door panels to reduce these and other air contaminants. Don't forget to vacuum the upholstery, floor and mats to get rid of dirt and debris.

3. Use air purifiers

One of the easiest ways to improve your indoor air quality is to use air purifiers throughout your house. These portable air cleaners draw in air and filter out allergens and pollutants, improving the health of your home.

Choose an effective model, such as the Bosch Air Series Purifier - which uses a 3-in-1 filter (including a HEPA layer) to remove over 99% of the impurities in the air, such as pollen, pet dander, dust, viruses and odors. Each purifier features smart sensors that detect pollutants and automatically adapt to the air quality and room. These quiet purifiers are available in three different sizes, so you can find the strength that best suits your needs.

4. Change air filters regularly (and not just in your home!)

Don't go too long in between changing your air filters. These key components are essential in protecting the air around you - not just in your home, but in your car, too. Many drivers either aren't aware of their car's cabin air filter at all or don't realize they need to replace it regularly, just as they replace the filter on their in-home HVAC unit. Over time, the particles the filter traps build up, clogging it and reducing its efficiency. To ensure you have continuous clean air, change your filters as often as your owner's manual recommends.

If your car mechanic has recently mentioned it's time to change the cabin air filter in your car, products like Bosch HEPA Cabin Air Filters can be a great solution for absorbing fumes, pollen, dust, mold spores, pollutants and odors that enter a vehicle, protecting you and other passengers from poor air quality.

Bosch recommends replacing your cabin air filter every 12,000 miles or so. You can find the cabin air filter behind the glove compartment or under the dashboard.

5. Use natural products

What you use to clean your home and car may actually be polluting your air, as many conventional cleaning products are made with harsh chemicals.

Air fresheners can also be a source of hazardous pollutants. Be it a cardboard freshener hanging around your rearview mirror or a plug-in freshener in your living room, these products have been known to emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that could compromise your health.

You can keep your spaces clean and minimize toxic chemicals in the air you breathe by opting for natural products. The next time you visit the store, look for nontoxic air fresheners and green or eco-friendly cleaning products that contain natural, plant-based ingredients.

Using these five simple tips, you can improve your in-home and in-car air quality and keep it clean for seasons to come.



Take care of your vision to invest in your overall health

(BPT) - A new year is a great opportunity to develop better habits and improve your health and wellness. Perhaps that involves revamping your workout routine or investing in a skincare regimen. As you start to think about the new year, make sure to include a comprehensive eye exam at the top of your list.

A normal part of aging

Just like the rest of your body, your eyes change as you age, and you may find it harder to see. You're not alone. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than two billion people around the world suffer from visual impairment, a number expected to double by 2030.1

While these numbers may be concerning, take heart. Many vision conditions are treatable. A step you can take today to assess and preserve your vision - as well as your health - is to schedule a comprehensive eye exam.

Your eyes are windows into your overall health and wellness

An eye care professional can do much more than assess your vision. Your eyes can actually reveal many details about your overall health and wellness.

A comprehensive eye exam can help detect over 270 different medical conditions, from diabetes to heart disease.2 Despite its importance, many adults over 40 around the globe tend to prioritize staying active, maintaining a healthy diet or skincare over regular eye exams in their journey to aging well.

"Not only can an eye exam assess the health of your eye," said Dr. Christi Closson, Associate Director of Professional Education, Vision, Johnson & Johnson, "it can do so much more, such as providing insight into your overall health and well-being as you age.2 It is critical for everyone to stay on top of their vision and eye health, and make time for an annual comprehensive eye exam."

cataracts. A physical sign of cataracts is clouding in the eye that makes it hard to see. However, you may also notice that lamps, sunlight and headlights seem too bright or that colors look faded.5 If left untreated, cataracts can lead to blindness.

Modern technological advancement has made cataract treatment a minimally invasive out-patient procedure that typically takes 15 to 30 minutes to complete, depending on the severity of the condition. Cataract treatment* can also improve other eye conditions like nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.6

See clearly now and beyond

If you want to live your best while feeling your best at every age, it's time to get serious about your eye health. To find an eye doctor near you and schedule a comprehensive eye exam, visit ClearVision-ForYou.com/Find-A-Doctor.

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* RISKS

There are risks to routine cataract surgery. This is irrelevant to the lens you choose. The problems could be minor, temporary, or affect your vision permanently. Complications are rare. These may include worsening of your vision, bleeding, or infection. Pre-existing diseases or conditions may place you at higher risk of experiencing complications (e.g., more difficult recovery) after routine cataract surgery. Examples of pre-existing diseases or conditions are diabetes, heart disease and previous trauma to your eye.

Presbyopia and cataracts: Common age-related vision conditions

If you're over 40, it's critical that you're aware of common vision conditions and their symptoms.

Presbyopia - another name for age-related farsightedness - describes a person's decreased ability to see nearby objects, especially in low light.4 For example, you may notice that it's become more difficult to read texts on your phone, so you hold it at arm's length.

"As you age, the lens inside your eye becomes more rigid, making it difficult for your eyes to focus on text or objects that are up close," said Dr. Closson. "However, presbyopia happens to everyone and is easily treatable. In fact, there are multifocal contact lenses designed to help with this vision impairment without invasive interventions."

Another condition to be aware of as you age (especially if you're over 60) is

Mooney (From page A6)

family situations. It is important that you receive personal advice related to your specific situation and estate planning needs from qualified professionals.

About the author: Attorney Susan M. Mooney, is a partner in the law firm of Dalton & Finegold, LLP. She has been a practicing attorney for thirty-seven (37) years. She received her law degree, summa cum laude, from New England Law/Boston in 1987 and undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts State and Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of

the United States.

Nothing contained in this article is intended as legal advice specific to your personal situation. Please consult an estate planning or elder law attorney of your choice to review your personal planning and circumstances.

For further information about estate planning, visit our web site at www.dflp.com. The firm offers legal services in various areas of practice including, Probate and Elder Law, Wills, Trusts and Estates, and Real Estate.



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OBITUARIES

William K. Chalifour

Could fix any electronic item: radio, clock, etc.

William K. Chalifour age 59, of Westford, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025. We know our Mom and Dad came to greet him and take him home to God.

William was born in Arlington and raised in Wilmington. He graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in 1984 with electronics as his major.

He could fix any electronic item: radio, clock, etc. He also had great instincts when it came to auto mechanics and could hear a noise and diagnose any car or van.

His friend Gregg shared that in William's earlier days, he enjoyed building various electronic projects such as audio amplifiers, electronic color organs AKA disco lights, high voltage Tesla coils, and a multitude of digital circuits.

He liked using oscilloscopes and multimeters and could wield a mean soldering iron. William always had an inquisitive helpful attitude and loved to collaborate with others to push the basics of projects to the next level.

William also enjoyed tinkering with cars and liked to modify engines for more horsepower. William had an adventurous mindset and liked camping, hiking in the white mountains in New Hampshire, and going to Hampton Beach with friends. He even took a train to NY Times Square for a day trip from South Station Boston upon a whimsical dare from a friend.

A few years ago, while living in Lowell, he rescued a street cat. I helped him get him to the Lowell

Humane Society where he found a loving home and we became friends with the woman who adopted him — providing him the best Afghans and blankets for napping.

Later, due to health reasons, he was rehomed with a man named Bill — not a coincidence at all — and he's continuing to live his best life! Through William's compassion, a life was saved, and others were enriched. "Moo Moon Kitty" has the best life off the streets now and a connected circle around him.

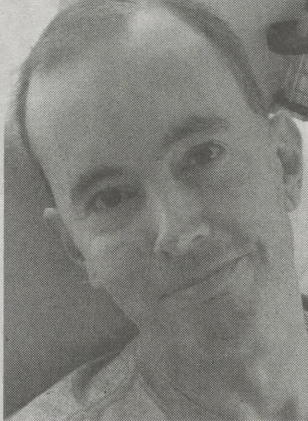
William's passions included animals, electronics, vehicles, the outdoors, music, 1960s & 70s television shows, and family and friends.

He was compassionate, empathetic, had a good sense of humor and was often even a little silly. He loved his sister's cooking, reminiscing and laughing with his brother and sister, and any time he could spend with his dad, Leon, whom he laid to rest just two days before his passing.

He also greatly missed his mom, Marilyn — and now joins them both, along with his sister, Margaret.

He had swimming with dolphins on his bucket list and we know he is getting to swim with as many dolphins as he wants now. He was so deeply loved and will be so deeply missed, but knowing he is at peace and with our parents is what will bring us comfort.

William was the beloved son of the late Marilyn J. and late Leon G. Chalifour. He was the brother of



Paul Chalifour and his wife Deborah of Wilmington, Dianne Chalifour of Portsmouth, NH, and the late Margaret Chalifour.

He has now also joined his beloved grandparents, Angus and Mary (DeMatteo) McPhee.

He leaves his Auntie Karen McNaughton, many other aunts and uncles and cousins, and several special friends, including Margo Martel and Gregg Hamilton.

Family and friends will gather at St. Andrew Church, 45 Talbot Ave, North Billerica, on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Friday, April 4 from 5 - 7 p.m.

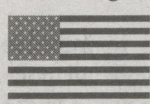
In lieu of flowers, donations in William's memory may be made to American Diabetes Association, Pine Street Inn, Lowell Humane Society, Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), or any charity of your choice.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Joseph Rapuano

Served in the US Army during Korean War

Joseph Rapuano, 91, of Tewksbury, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving wife at his side



on March 23, 2025.

Born on July 6, 1933, in Sant'Arsenio, Italy, he was the son of the late Carmine and Immacolata (Ippolito) Rapuano. Joseph grew up in Italy during World War II in a town under German occupation before immigrating to the United States through Ellis Island at the age of 15 with his family, settling with his aunt in Woburn.

Joseph proudly served his adopted country in the United States Army during the Korean War, being honorably discharged in 1955. He settled in Tewksbury and construction became his life's work, and he founded Rapuano Excavating Company, which he ran for many years.

Alongside his beloved wife of over 70 years, Vera M. (Segien) Rapuano, he also owned and operated The Helm, a rental property at Hampton Beach, NH.

A Great Man known for his garden as well as his love of the Bruins and Red

Sox, Joseph was a well-recognized figure in Tewksbury and a life member of the VFW in Billerica.

Joseph Rapuano lived a remarkable life defined by resilience, hard work and an unwavering devotion to his family. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched with his strength, kindness, and generosity of spirit.

In addition to his loving wife Vera, of Tewksbury, he leaves behind his devoted children: Joseph Rapuano and his wife Susan Wong of Atkinson, NH; Heather Rapuano and her husband James Peake of Tewksbury; and Michael Rapuano and his wife Penny DeMiles of Hudson, NH.

Joseph was the proud grandfather of Marysa Rapuano and her husband Jack Bonner; Michael Rapuano and Samuel Wong-Rapuano, as well as the adoring great-grandfather of Aidyn Christopher Rapuano, Cali Marie Rapuano and Luke Michael Rapuano.

He is also survived by his brother Francesco Rapuano of Washington, DC, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.



Joseph was predeceased by his son Christopher Rapuano, his brother Damiano Rapuano, and two sisters who passed away at a young age.

You are welcome to attend his visitation on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9 until 11 a.m. at the Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876. His funeral service will take place in the funeral home at 11 a.m. followed by procession to the Tewksbury Cemetery.

Please consider making a donation in his memory to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Processing Center, P.O. Box 863765, Orlando, FL 32886.

Book Stew Review

'M Train' by Patti Smith

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

I loved this audiobook even more than her 2010 National Book Award winning "Just Kids," featuring her life with artist Robert Mapplethorpe and ended in his death.

This second memoir from 2015, strangely, has no mention of him. Patti married musician Fred "Sonic" Smith and moved to Detroit with him, giving up her New York City life and music career. Fred made a deal with Patti to take her to the prison where Jean Genet had not been held, in French Guyana, in exchange for her having a child with him.

This is one of the journeys Patti undertakes, all over the world, to pay tribute to writers and poets she admired, including Paul Bowles, Sylvia Plath, Rambeau, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, and several Japanese writers.

She also becomes entangled with an exclusive

club of geologists, the CDC (Continental Drift Club) and their idol, Alfred Wegener, who was buried in an ice mausoleum while on an expedition.

Smith's curiosity leads her in so many directions and each rivulet, described in her radiantly laconic monotone, takes the reader to another obscure locale and adds to the books (72 in all!) that she recommends.

So many sentences starting with "It occurred to me..."; so many beloved cafes serving up so many cups of black coffee and slices of brown bread with olive oil; the recounting of many wacky dreams, including appearances by "The Cowpoke" (former lover Sam Shepard), and the harrowing tragedies of losing her husband and brother within a month of each other.

Patti finds comfort in rehabbing a small ramshackle Coney Island bungalow, named "The Alamo," which takes a direct hit from Superstorm Sandy. Her two memoirs are unforgettable and I will painfully miss her voice in my ear, in my car.



▲ TMHS art teacher Ashley Sullivan and Riley Stevenson at the Montserrat College of Art Gallery. Stevenson was recognized for Best of School for her work, Celtic, at the Sixth Essex District Congressional High School Art Show.

(Courtesy photo)

Stevenson wins art award

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — TMHS junior Riley Stevenson was recognized recently as a winner in the Sixth District Congressional Art Show, hosted by Montserrat College of Art and the office of Congressman Seth Moulton.

Stevenson was one of nearly 100 students from 22 schools across the district to participate in the exhibition, held at the college in Beverly. The juried competition celebrated 31 years this spring. Stevenson's work, Celtic, won in the Best of School Awards category.

Supported by the TMHS Fine & Performing Arts Department's David Moffatt, Nicole LaPierre, and Ashley Sullivan, Steven-

son's work was submitted along with TMHS senior Kaylin Mantel, senior Colby Mengata, sophomore Adrian Baez, junior Cassie Berry, and junior Joanna Green.

Stevenson, who enjoys working in a variety of mediums, said, "It was a huge honor to receive this award, especially considering all the amazing pieces that were submitted alongside mine. I'm grateful to my art teachers for submitting my work and believing in me."

Actively looking at art schools for college, Stevenson advised, "I would encourage students pursuing art to stay passionate about their work and not be afraid to challenge themselves."

Stevenson particularly

enjoys drawing, painting, pottery, sculpture, and photography, and is also on the varsity girls basketball team.

The Congressional Art Competition, initiated by Congress in 1982, is a nationwide high school arts competition sponsored by members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent across the nation and locally in the 6th District of Massachusetts. The competition is open to students in grades 10-12, and winners receive partial scholarships in varying amounts to Montserrat's Pre-College Summer Program.

Tewksbury residents named to Dean's List at Emerson

BOSTON — The following students are named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

• Caitlyn Finnegan of Tewksbury. Finnegan is majoring in Public Relations and is a member of the Class of 2025.

• Maegan Marshall of Tewksbury. Marshall is majoring in Writing, Lit & Pub: Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2025.

• Samuel Barbagallo of Tewksbury. Barbagallo is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2026.

• Isabel DeSisto of Tewksbury. DeSisto is majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2026.

About Emerson College Emerson College is uniquely dedicated to the arts and communication, educating and inspiring storytellers and artists to impact and advance creative industries and me-

dia throughout the world. Distinguished faculty spearhead a dynamic curriculum, and guide several thousand undergraduate students and more than 400 graduate students to exhibit an unyielding spirit of creativity, professionalism, and critical thought, to transform lives, and make a profound impact on our community and beyond.

Based in the world-class city of Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theater Dis-

trict, the College offers experiential learning programs in Boston and across the globe: at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands, and at 28 global programs. Emersonians, including 51,000+ alumni, carry forth the College's founding motto "Expression Necessary to Evolution" to shape industries, inspire change, and amplify voices that redefine our culture.

For more information, visit emerson.edu.

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By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Finance Committee met on March 17, 2025 to continue discussing proposed fiscal year 2026 municipal budgets with Town Manager John Curran and town staff.

Library Director Diane Giarrusso reviewed the budget for Tewksbury Public Library. The \$1,628,886 budget is increasing slightly over fiscal year 2025 to account for cost of living adjustments.

Giarrusso reviewed how the budget impacts the library's operating schedule based on funds for staff to operate the building during nights and weekends.

Giarrusso said that she is planning to have the parking lot resurfaced in the near future, and has state aid reserved for other unexpected maintenance costs. Fees for the library's membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium have increased slightly.

Giarrusso said that technology systems at the library are stable, and the department's systems administrator continues to seek out opportunities to improve technical services, which include both internal circulation and catalog systems as well as publicly used computers.

Giarrusso said that wiring in the building will need to be upgraded in the near future.

Per the state's municipal appropriation requirement 13 percent of the budget needs to go towards materials, including books and subscriptions.

Giarrusso also reviewed professional development goals for staff, which focuses on navigating timely library issues.

Members praised library programming and thanked Giarrusso and staff for their work.

Senior center director Jan Conole reviewed the Council on Aging budget. The \$513,045 budget is increasing slightly over last year due to cost of living adjustments and utility costs as the building has been open longer after hours for friends group activities and the winter community markets.

Conole raised concerns over the building's HVAC system, noting that future repairs may be necessary.

She reviewed the department's programming and services; staff include an activities coordinator and outreach specialist to help seniors navigate aging. The department has also received several grants that are supporting programs to keep costs low for participants.

Building Commissioner Leo Bettencourt reviewed the building department budget. The \$349,488 budget includes eight full- and part-time staff. Bettencourt said that the department has seen an increase in the number of permit applications, noting growth in the commercial sector this year.

He added that it has been difficult to recruit full-time staff due to changing codes and a high standard of educational requirements; he has been working with building staff in other towns to provide reciprocal support for inspections when needed, for which the town is reimbursed.

Committee members noted that the town may want to look at increasing permit fees, as other towns have been charging higher rates for many years. "We're definitely one of the lowest," Bettencourt said.

Town Planner Alexandra Lowder reviewed the community development department budget. The \$288,321 budget supports three full-time staff and stipends for five Planning Board members.

Lowder noted a decrease in large site plan review applications after a wave of retail cannabis applications, but said that the number of smaller review applications have been rising, including family suites, use special permits, and sign permits.

"Residents and businesses alike are making investments in their property," she summarized.

FinCom reviews library, senior center budgets

The department supports the activities of the Planning Board and community preservation committee. Staff have taken on projects including increasing energy efficiency in municipal buildings, applying for and managing grants, and providing presentations to local real estate agents to educate on the town's bylaws regarding accessory dwelling units, sewer and septic systems, and tree removal and maintenance.

Lowder also manages the community market during the summer, which saw up to a thousand visitors weekly and involved over 90 businesses and community groups, and implemented an expansion of recreational programming through Greater Lowell YMCA.

Lower emphasized the promotion of economic development as a top priority for the department, and noted that staff have been researching and developing new uses for commercial and industrial zones to hit on current market trends including light industrial warehouses, data centers, and banquet and conference centers.

She hopes to continue to make Tewksbury a business-friendly destination and is anticipating a fully online application process for Planning Board permits this year.

Members praised Lowder and her team for their hard work.

Curran reviewed the health department budget, which is proposed at \$346,595. The budget includes cost of living adjustments for staff and a decrease in medical supplies; the town is discontinuing its COVID vaccine program as state reimbursements are ending and vaccines are available at local pharmacies.

Curran reviewed small level-service committee budgets including the town moderator and finance committees. The town council

sel budget is level-funded from last year at \$125,000. The town hall budget is \$307,951, which includes one building custodian and expenses for postage, utilities, and repairs and maintenance.

Curran reviewed one transfer request to move funds from the police vehicle account to police professional services to pay for an assessment center. The committee approved the request.

Presentations are available to view online at www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV. The committee will meet on March 31, 2025 to review the Town Meeting warrant.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning
Bylaw Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A,
Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaws as submitted for the May 5 and May 7, 2025 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place:
Town of Tewksbury Town Hall,
1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA
Date:
Monday, April 7, 2025
Time: 7:10 p.m.

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text and maps relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article

To amend the Zoning Bylaw by modifying Section 4.1.2 to include MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District as a listed overlay district and by creating a new Section 5.8 for the MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District to bring the Town of Tewksbury into compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3A.

And take any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map dated October 2023 by adding a crosshatched area under the new label "MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District" as shown on file with the Town Clerk's office.

Article

To see if the Town will amend Section 2, Section 4.2, and Section 5.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program by taking certain actions to strikeout and insert new language in the sections indicated above.

And take any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Floodplain Overlay District of the Zoning Map as provided by FEMA.

THE TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

Stephen Johnson, Chair
250247 3/20,27/25



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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

FAMILY SUITE
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Thomas Craig for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 100 Florida Road, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 237, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION TO
SITE PLAN APPROVAL
(SPR/LD/SP 2024-37)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 7, 2025 at 7:05 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Eco Auto on behalf of Sterling Capital, LLC for a Modification to a Site Plan Approval for a cannabis dispensary pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a reconfiguration of the previously approved buildings and parking areas as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 611 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 15, zoned General Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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COMMONWEALTH OF
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MIDDLESEX, SS:
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
DOCKET NO. MI25E0006PP

To:
Simone Roy of Tewksbury, MA,
James McGilvery of Tewksbury, MA and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by, Simone Roy representing that they hold as a Joint Tenant in an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as

**33 Grasshopper Lane,
Tewksbury, MA 01876**

The following described real estate property situate in the City of Tewksbury, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to wit:

Being shown as Lot 40, Grasshopper Lane, as shown on a plan entitled, "Sub-Division Plan of Chandler Street Acres, Tewksbury, Massachusetts, dated December 22, 1953, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc. surveyors, recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Book of Plans 84 and bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Grasshopper Lane, one hundred (100) feet;

Northerly by Lot 41, as shown on said plan, one hundred nineteen and 24/100 (119.24) feet;

Easterly by parts of Lots 35 and 36, one hundred and 66/100 (100.66) feet; and

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of that certain mortgage given by Richard W. Proctor, Trustee of the March & Main Realty Trust to Tony Paglia, Trustee of the Paglia Trust and Richard Paglia, as tenants in common, dated February 19, 1999, and recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 09952, Page 255, which mortgage has been assigned to Robert D. Paglia and Richard J. Paglia, individually, and as tenants in common, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, said premises, and the buildings thereon, will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2025, on the mortgaged premises at 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular, the premises described in said mortgage:

To Wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, known and numbered as 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Easterly side of Main Street and at Lot 3, as shown on Plan of Property surveyed for F.J. Foreman, A.N. Eames, Surveyor, dated April 2,

Southerly by Lot 39, as shown on said plan, one hundred seven and 74/100 (107.74) Feet.

Containing 11,349 +/- feet of land according to said plan, more or less.

Property Address: 33 Grasshopper Lane, Tewksbury, MA 01876

For title see Deed dated January 5, 1967 and recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 1781, Page 448.

Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at a **private or public sale for not less than (\$545,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS**, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, the commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such a manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Lowell before ten o'clock on the 16th Day of April 2025 the return date of this citation.

Witness, Honorable Terri Klug-Cafazza, First Justice of this Court, this **19th day** of February in the year of our Lord **Two Thousand and Twenty-Five**.

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register Of Probate
250262 3/13,20,27/25

1949, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 75, Plan 79A; thence the boundary line runs Northerly by Main Street, two hundred sixty-two and 51/100 feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Easterly, two hundred feet; thence turning at a right angle and running Southerly by land now or formerly of Ellen Mullally, two hundred sixty two and 51/100 feet; thence turning and running Westerly by Lot 3, as shown on said Plan, two hundred feet to Main Street at the point of beginning.

Said premises are shown as Lot 4 on said Plan, containing 20,000 square feet and a parcel adjacent thereto on the Northerly side of said Lot 4 containing 32,502 square feet.

Reference is also made to Plan of Land in Tewksbury, surveyed for Alice L. McCann, Smith and Brooks, Civil Engineers, dated October 19, 1916, recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 33, Plan 98.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagee by deed of The Laura Brogna Trust, dated August 12, 1997, recorded at Book 8723 page 17 at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds.

The description of the premises contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA 02114

CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE
POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. SU24P1491GD

In the Interests of:
Ravi Singh
of Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/10/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 17, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett
Register of Probate
250318 10/27/25

TERMS OF SALE: \$10,000.00 non refundable deposit shall be paid in cash or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance to be paid in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Howard B. D'Amico, P.C., 33 Waldo Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608, within 30 days of the sale. All bidders must exhibit said required deposit to the auctioneer immediately prior to the auction sale in order to qualify as a bidder.

Said premises will also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights of way, easements, restrictions, covenants, conditions, reservations and agreements of record, to the extent that the same are in force and applicable, outstanding taxes, tax titles, municipal or other public liens or assessments, water bills, sewer bills, liens or claims in the nature of liens, all existing encumbrances of record created prior to this mortgage, and the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any. It shall be the bidders' sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning regulations. The mortgaged premises, if occupied, shall be conveyed subject to existing occupancies and/or tenancies.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P1349EA

Estate of: John T. Callahan, Jr.
Date of Death: 05/31/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John T. Callahan, III of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **John T. Callahan, III of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/17/2025**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazza, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 20, 2025
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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necessary, by the Attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms and Conditions containing the above terms at the sale.

If the highest bidder fails to complete the purchase of the premises on the terms provided in this notice and in the Memorandum of Terms and Conditions signed following the sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises to the second highest bidder (or each subsequent highest bidder thereafter) who will then have five (5) days to deliver the deposit specified above to the Mortgagee's attorney as herein indicated, and to agree to a closing date for payment of the remaining balance of such subsequent highest bid and transfer of deed that is within thirty (30) days thereafter.

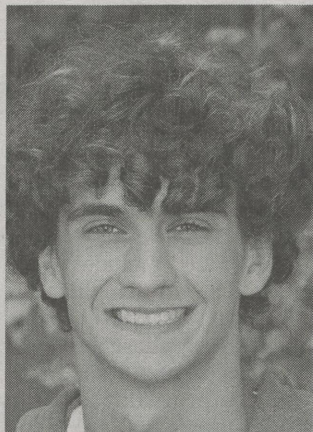
Present Holder of Said Mortgage
**ROBERT D. PAGLIA and
RICHARD J. PAGLIA**

By their Attorney
Howard B. D'Amico, Esq.
Howard B. D'Amico, P.C.
33 Waldo Street
Worcester, MA 01608

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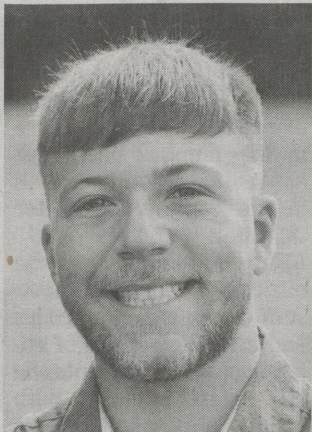
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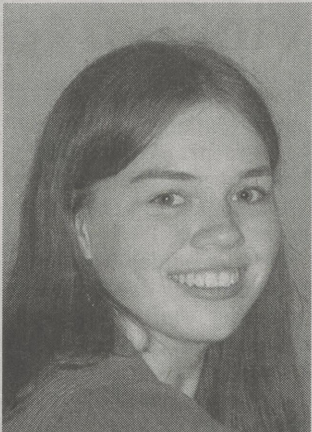
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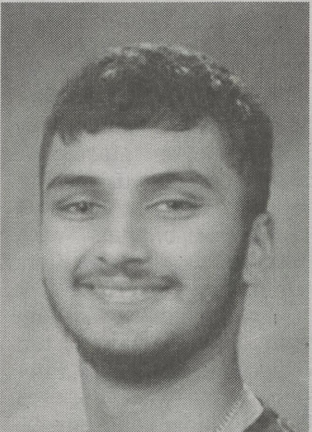
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Shawsheen Tech celebrates six outstanding seniors

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly announces its first-semester honorees for the Senior of the Month program. This initiative allows faculty to spotlight exemplary students who demonstrate outstanding character, leadership, and dedication to their school and community.

Each recognized senior will receive special acknowledgment from The Billerica Lodge of Elks and will be in the running for the prestigious "Senior of the Year" award, set to be revealed at a May awards ceremony.

Each month, two seniors are selected based on a comprehensive set of criteria, including academic excellence, vocational skills, citizenship, and service. These students not only stand out among their peers but also embody the values of Shawsheen Tech, ensuring they leave a lasting impact as future alumni.

OCTOBER

Wilmington resident **LORRAINE "Raina" RAPOSA**, a senior in the Health Assisting program, has been named the female Senior of the Month for October. Ranked in the top five of her class, Raina exemplifies academic dedication and a passion for service.

Her commitment to community service is evident through her work as a swim instructor for children with disabilities, participation in the Suicide Walk for Hope for four years, and her role as a CDC Teacher at Faith Formation. Additionally, she regularly assists with

blood drives, substance abuse fairs, and supports Katie's Closet.

Balancing academics with work, Raina is a pharmacy technician at CVS, a waitress at Cucina Larosa's and Heather Wood Retirement Home, and a camp counselor at Shawsheen's Summer Explore program.

A well-rounded leader, Raina serves as Treasurer of the National Honor Society, is a member of the Anti-Bullying Club, Lead Orientation Leader, and SkillsUSA, where she earned two bronze district medals. She also played soccer and is an active swim team member.

Raina plans to attend a four-year college where she will major in Biology on the pre-physician's assistant track.

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Tewksbury resident **JONATHAN HUREAU**, a senior in Advanced Manufacturing Technology, has been named the male Senior of the Month for October. Ranked in the top ten of his class, Jonathan's excellence extends beyond academics into leadership and service.

His contributions to the community include volunteering for Shawsheen's Open Houses, Fall Fairs, Baystate Marathon, and the Billerica Substance Awareness and Prevention Family Funday. He also serves as the student advisor for the Machine Shop's advisory board and actively participates in Shawsheen's Service Day and outreach events.

A dedicated leader, Jonathan is the President of the National Honor Society,

a Student Cabinet member, and part of SkillsUSA, where he achieved the prestigious title of National Silver Medalist in CNC 3-Axis Milling.

Jonathan is the captain of the Cross-Country team and has been an integral athlete for Shawsheen's Cross Country and Track and Field team for the last three years.

After graduation, Jonathan plans to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute and major in Mechanical Engineering.

NOVEMBER

Tewksbury resident **CORRINE FOLEY**, a senior in Health Assisting, has been named the female Senior of the Month for November. Ranked in the top 25 of her class, Corrine is a highly motivated and disciplined student.

Her passion for helping others is evident in her volunteer work at Strongwater Farm, assisting with Shawsheen's community swim lessons, and participating in Shawsheen's Trunk or Treat and Culture Fair.

Corrine is a co-op student at Encompass Rehabilitation, gaining hands-on experience in health-care.

A standout athlete, she is the captain of the Shawsheen/Bedford/Lowell girls hockey team, where she played a key role in breaking the school's record for most games won and securing a playoff spot for three consecutive years. She is also a captain of the Cross-Country team and a member of the Track and Field team.

Corrine is involved in SkillsUSA, Student Council,

Recycling Club, and National Honor Society, earning SkillsUSA district and state medals in Medical Terminology in 2023 and 2024.

After high school, Corrine plans to attend the University of New England to pursue an allied exercise science (pre physical therapy) degree.

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Tewksbury resident **DALE GARDNER**, a senior in Electricity, has been named the male Senior of the Month for November. With a 3.8 GPA, Dale is a hardworking and devoted student.

Dale actively gives back to the community by volunteering for Shawsheen's summer program, recycling program, and National Honor Society events. He also serves as an Orientation Leader, helping with freshman tours, open houses, Spring Fling, and Culture Fair.

Dale balances multiple jobs, working at Krochmal Farms, Capellini's Italian Restaurant, and as a co-op student at Paul Brown Electric.

A natural leader, Dale is the Class President of 2025, co-chair of the School Council, and head leader for Orientation Leaders. He is also involved in the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society.

After graduation, Dale plans to enter the electrical workforce full-time as an apprentice and continue his education to become a journeyman electrician.

DECEMBER

Tewksbury resident **KRISTIN (Krissi) MACDONALD**, a senior in Electricity, has been named the female Senior of the Month for December. Ranked in the top three of her class, Krissi is a self-sufficient and empathetic student.

Krissi's community involvement includes volunteering for Shawsheen's summer basketball and volleyball clinics, the Billerica annual tree lighting, and the Wilmington Public Library Shelf Talkers program.

She is a co-op student at LiveWire Electric and also works at Pushcart Café.

A well-rounded student, Krissi is a National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society member and competes in SkillsUSA, winning a junior-year medal in Industrial Motor Control.

Krissi has played basketball and volleyball for all four years and is most proud of her decision to attend Shawsheen Tech, which introduced her to new career pathways.

After graduation, Krissi plans to pursue a degree

in Electrical Engineering.

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Burlington resident **ASWAD VAHORA**, a senior in Programming & Web Development, has been named the male Senior of the Month for December. Ranked in the top 25 of his class, Aswad is known for his adaptability, logic, and patience.

He actively contributes to his community through the Islamic Center, helping to set up community dinners throughout Ramadan and fostering unity during the holy month.

Aswad gained valuable experience as a co-op tech desk assistant at Team Logic IT and assists with his family's business as a packing and distributor assistant.

A straight-A student, Aswad is involved in SkillsUSA, National Honor Society, and Student Cabinet. He also plays tennis.

After graduation, Aswad plans to attend a four-year college and major in Cybersecurity and Computer Science.

Upcoming local events

March 11 - April 15, Tewksbury Public Library. 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. NAMI Basics (National Alliance on Mental Illness Massachusetts) Free course for parents and family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral issues. Meets weekly on Tuesdays. Contact teachers: Dee at deefebba@comcast.net or Brian at brian.sarr19@gmail.com

March 29, Tewksbury/Wilmington/Billerica Rabies Clinic, 10 a.m. - noon, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Free microchips. Cats must be in carriers, dogs on leash. Wilmington licenses available. Shots \$30. Cash or check only. Open to all towns. Call 978-215-9639 for more information. First come, first served.

March 29, Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. the Town Common. Tewksbury VPF Post 8164.

April 5, Tewksbury Town Elections. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Check town website for voting location. www.Tewksbury-ma.gov.

April 8, Wine Tasting to Benefit Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. One Stop Liquors, Oakdale Plaza, 5 - 7 p.m. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Get tickets at: <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/about-5>

April 9, Tewksbury Community Health Fair, 1 - 4 p.m. Tewksbury Senior Center. Giveaways, health screenings, food trucks, fun! Free! Stop by!

April 8, Wine Tasting to Benefit Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. One Stop Liquors, Oakdale Plaza, 5 - 7 p.m. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Get tickets at: <https://www.friendstplibrary.org/about-5>

April 21-25, April Vacation Camp at Tewksbury Rec, 2 day minimum, camp runs 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 978-454-7825 to register. www.greaterlo

wellymca.org.

April 26, Town Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pick up bags at DPW, 999 Whipple Road. Pick up trash and return to DPW. Community service hours available. Even one hour helps! Clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com.

April 27, Power of Flowers Project Murder Mystery Event at 1 p.m. at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

September 13, 2025 - Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 1 — \$85, April 2 - July 1 — \$90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins — \$95. Register and pay at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart> Questions? Steve Brander skbrander@gmail.com Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

Thursdays, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of the month, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for indoor and campus tours. Check website for times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

EMERGENCY GENERATOR
REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until the time specified below at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read **Emergency Generator Replacement Project, Public Safety Building, April 10, 2025 @ 11:00 AM**

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a **BID BOND** or **CERTIFIED CHECK** issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website (<http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>). Only after subscribing electronically, hard copies of the documents may be obtained from **Socotec AE Consulting, LLC., 74 Hood Park Drive, Suite 300, Charlestown MA, 02129, 781-273-1537 x20**, for a non-refundable fee of \$100, plus \$35 for mailing (checks shall be made payable to Socotec AE Consulting, LLC.).

Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide St, Wilmington, MA on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

A performance bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total amount of the contract

price with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, as well as a labor and materials bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of the total contract price.

All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including G.L. c.149, § 24A through 27D, as amended. Attention is directed to the minimum wage rates to be paid as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the weekly payroll record submittal requirements under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 through 27D inclusive.

Attention is further directed to the requirements of G.L. c.149, §44D requiring submission of a Division of Capital Asset Management Approved Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement with all bids. The DCAMM Prime Contractor Certification shall be ELECTRICAL.

Selection of the contractor will be based upon bidder qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and bid price. The contract will be awarded to the bidder deemed by the awarding authority to be the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.

The bidder agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
250311 3/27/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Select Board in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 14, 2025** on the application of Eugene T. Sullivan, on behalf of Lucci Realty Trust, to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 226 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, and further described as Parcel 2, on Assessors' Map 58 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Gregory B. Bendel, Chair
Select Board
250246 3/27, 4/3/25

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 140, Section 137C, Section 7 of the Wilmington Health Regulations and the Inhabitants By-laws of the Town of Wilmington, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington MA, 01887 on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.** to discuss the license at Lucy's Dog Daycare d/b/a Happy Hounds, 296 Shawsheen Ave, Wilmington, MA.

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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P1458EA

Estate of:
Robert Scott McCoy
Date of Death:
February 1, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Janenne McCoy of Wakefield MA** Petitioner **Nicolette Moisan of Wilmington MA**

Janenne McCoy of Wakefield MA Nicolette Moisan of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Planning Board debates size of accessory dwelling units

MEETING FROM PAGE 1

sory dwelling units from 1,250 to 900 square feet. One resident said that this would reduce residents' ability to develop their property, and 900 square feet in true size would provide even less usable space. They also said that this would go against the spirit of state law.

Attorney Mike Newhouse stated that he saw the change in permitted size as unnecessary.

"From my perspective, I'd hate for us to lose a valuable tool in the town's arsenal to be able to create an affordable housing

unit for their families," he said.

He asked the board to consider keeping the permitted size at 1,250 square feet.

Another resident asked about the difference between an addition and an accessory dwelling unit.

Gingrich answered that an ADU is a separate housing unit with a kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, whereas an addition would not necessarily have these areas.

Later, in the Planning Board's separate meeting, the board discussed the feedback and considered whether they would rec-

ommend approval of this article for Town Meeting.

Chair Terence Boland said that he could understand the feedback. He agreed that there would still be measures placed on any ADU built including septic requiring capacity to expand and lot setbacks.

Emma Battaglia said that they could allow accessory dwelling units larger than 900 square feet that met all of the other requirements from the state law.

Gingrich agreed that they could adjust the permitted size, as the town is allowed to be more per-

missive than the state.

Gingrich also mentioned that she'd received a comment from the fire department that they were concerned about keeping the 1,250 square foot limit considering the lack of clear fire code rules in this area.

Battaglia maintained that residents would still need to build accessory dwelling units in line with fire code, and the Inspector's Office would confirm whether an ADU meets fire code.

Boland asked the other board members for their preferences on the allotted size, confirming that they only wanted the by-

law to make one ADU possible per lot.

Peter Moser said he didn't have a preference in terms of the number.

Gingrich suggested the board didn't have to decide on the number that night — they could instead put an agenda item on one of their next regular meeting agendas and invite public comment to get a sense of the preference of residents. She also explained that the board could continue the article as drafted and present an amendment at Town Meeting.

Sean Hennigan agreed that he would prefer to dis-

cuss the number further at a future meeting.

Battaglia said she also wanted to discuss the number amongst the board.

Boland asked if the board wanted to table their vote on whether to recommend approval of the article, but Gingrich said they could still recommend approval and present amendments. Therefore, they voted to recommend approval of the article replacing the language in the town by-law around accessory dwelling units with the implication that they would discuss the permitted ADU size further at their next meeting.

Planning Board approves MBTA articles for Town Meeting

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the building as a dentist's office as they had for the past 50 years. Newhouse also referenced that most of the surrounding properties are zoned general or neighborhood business.

Boland asked why they were suggesting general business as opposed to neighborhood business. Newhouse replied that this zoning makes sense for the current use.

They then discussed the multi-family overlay district article under the proposed special Town Meeting warrant. Gingrich recalled that the same article was presented to residents at Town Meeting in December and at the previous year's Town Meeting. Since then, a ruling from the Milton case determined that the MBTA Communities Law is constitutional and that the attorney general's office can enforce it and compel compliance. A new compliance deadline was determined of July 14.

She also reminded the audience that the town needed to create a multi-family as of right zoning district of "reasonable size" without a requirement for a special permit, though the Planning Board would still review each proposal as they do now. The zone must consist of 50 acres, half of which must be within a half-mile of the train station, with a unit capacity according to the

state's compliance spreadsheet of 1,248 units.

Gingrich mentioned that the state's spreadsheet doesn't reflect true possibility of units, as many of the parcels are already built and include existing multi-family housing. The spreadsheet also doesn't account for wetlands or lack of sewer.

The proposed zone includes areas on Main Street, Burlington Avenue, Deming Way, and West Street, including multi-family housing at 100-104 West St., 121 West St., and Metro Apartments on Burlington Avenue. These areas would limit the height of any new multi-family housing building to three stories — if commercial use on the ground floor on Main Street — and between 1.25 and 2 parking spaces would be required per unit.

Gingrich highlighted the properties on Main Street that are included in the proposed zoning overlay district in between the train tracks at the corner of Burlington Avenue and Main Street up to the Hyundai dealership. She suggested that the creation of multi-family housing on Main Street would follow the town's master plan for mixed use.

She also stated that zoning only provides options but does not require any building — and as an example, multi-family housing is already allowed on the other side of Main Street but has largely not

been completed.

Gingrich lastly added that she predicted less than 200 additional units would be built in this proposed zone overtime and that the town would lose the opportunity for millions of grant funds from the state without compliance.

Several residents commented in opposition of this article. Gary DePalma asked if the state approved the interim plan that the Department of Planning & Conservation submitted. Gingrich confirmed that the state only flagged minor things but otherwise approved. She also clarified that the town would comply with the law by creating the zoning district, even if no additional units are built in the new district.

The last article for their joint public hearing proposed to add the MBTA overlay district into the inclusionary housing section of the bylaw, so that the new district could require 15 percent affordable units.

The Planning Board then met separately and voted to recommend approval for each of the articles. There was one vote against recommending approval for the multi-family overlay district article, but the motion still carried.

The Planning Board will meet next on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Sons and Daughters of Italy to use town parking lot in April

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terim position.

Bendel added that Cairra was a great teacher, coach, administrator, and role model.

They also approved a request for a hawk & peddle license to sell ice cream at Ad's Ice Cream on behalf of Aidel Alkahatabeh. Sledge confirmed that the Board of Health recommended approval.

One resident commented during public comment asking that the board remove the Wilmington Arts Building from the list of buildings to be repurposed so that it could be return-

ed to the Wilmington Arts Council. She shared that the building needs a center for the work that the town has asked them to provide, and they understand why the building was repurposed for a short period of time.

Kevin MacDonald also commented sharing concerns about the tuition cost to the town per student to attend the Shaw-sheen Tech, the use of money from the title five septic account and the cost of the proposed new elementary school at the North Intermediate school site.

In the announcements,

Bendel highlighted an upcoming comedy show fundraiser for Local Heroes and Eagle Scouts.

A request from the Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy came in last minute to use the town parking lot on April 12 and 13 for a diaper drive. The board approved the request.

The Salute to Service that night honored US Marine Corps Veteran Corporal Frank Puleo, who served during the Korean War and earned recognition including a navy occupation service medal and good conduct medal.

Wilmington to elect delegates to Democratic State Convention

WILMINGTON — Registered Democrats in Wilmington will hold a caucus on April 5, 2025 to elect delegates and alternates to the 2025 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. The caucus will take place in person at the Fourth of July Building (142 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington) at 10 a.m.

This year's state convention will be held on Sept. 25 in Springfield, where Democrats from across the state will

come together to adopt a party platform, discuss party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for the upcoming elections. The event will take place in-line with all federal, state and local health guidelines.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Wilmington. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by June 15, 2021 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Wilmington can

elect 10 delegates and four alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an Add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org by Aug. 6, 2021.

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Board against MBTA plan, but residents have final say

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Rob Fasulo said that while he's been publicly critical of the board in the past, he wanted to commend board members Frank West and Lilia Maselli specifically for their continuous opposition of compliance with the zoning act.

However, he then said that he was confused by the board's decision to

allow the zoning proposal to come up at Town Meeting again this year. He pointed out that the zoning proposal being approved will eliminate the town's ability to file an exemption, and he asked that they postpone the vote on this article seeing as the deadline to comply is July 15.

Fasulo also suggested that the creation of the zoning district in Wilming-

ton comes with hidden costs in terms of water and infrastructure.

Bendel replied that the board only recently learned about the option to file for an exemption to the HLC guidelines, and they were quickly taking action. He also reminded the audience that all five board members have spoken out against the guidelines and voted against the creation of the zoning

district at Town Meeting. However, they still wanted to leave it up to residents. He assured the community that they would take these comments under advisement.

Suzanne Sullivan commented that the exemption was worthwhile. She described that following the state's guideline would go against the town's water protection plans, and that the town is already

in noncompliance with the Interbasin Transfer Act because of the amount of water pumped through sewer lines. She encouraged the board to pursue the challenge to the state.

Frank West asked in new business if the board members would consider writing a letter to remind the town's state delegation that the town voted against the multi-family overlay district zoning

article at Town Meeting. He highlighted that other legislators have put forth proposed amendments to the MBTA Communities Act as a result of their constituents' opposition to compliance with the HLC guidelines.

Bendel agreed that they could draft a letter and bring it to the rest of the board for consideration at their next meeting on April 14.

Healey-Driscoll Administration awards money to Wilmington schools for behavioral, mental health service

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that it is awarding \$5,540,875 in grants to 60 school districts, educational collaboratives and charter schools across Massachusetts to improve student access to behavioral and mental health services and support. This funding can be used to create or expand comprehensive, integrated systems of student support and aims, through collaboration with families and educators, to build strong local school partnerships with community-based mental health agencies and/or providers.

In addition, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will be providing related professional development for school district staff.

"We have a mental health crisis that was only made worse by the pandemic, particularly for students. That's why improving students' access to behavioral and mental health care is a priority for our administration," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help districts connect students with the

services they need to be safe, healthy and successful today and into the future.

"We are grateful to the educators and community-based providers who are partnering and innovating to improve supports for students," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "These services are essential for helping students be successful academically and to build healthy relationships with their peers and teachers."

This funding can be used to help strengthen skills to recognize and respond to mental and behavioral health challenges, establish cross-system coordination to improve integration of behavioral and mental health supports and ensure seamless transitions between schools and communities, and improve data systems to track efforts and impact. These grants also promote piloting universal mental health screening systems.

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration is focused on healing, stabilizing, and transforming our education system that is still recovering from the lasting impacts of the pandemic. These grants are providing our schools, from North Adams to Dennis, with the funding they need to foster environments that support healthy social and emotional development in their classrooms and beyond," said Education Secretary Patrick A. Tutwiler.

"Our educators are working to create safe and healthy learning environments that are joyful, engaging and equitable for every child," said Elementary and Secondary Education Acting Commissioner Russell D. Johnston. "These grants will help provide student supports that advance that important work."

Addressing the youth mental health crisis remains a priority for the Healey-Driscoll Administration, and Governor Healey's fiscal year 2026 budget includes over \$21 million to support student behavioral and mental health.

The grant recipients are:

- ACCEPT Education Collaborative (Natick): \$100,000
- Assabet Valley Collaborative (Marlborough): \$100,000
- Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical (Marlborough): \$100,000
- Ayer-Shirley School District: \$100,000
- Bedford Public Schools: \$148,575
- Belchertown Public Schools: \$25,080
- Bellingham Public Schools: \$100,000
- Berkley Public Schools: \$26,500
- Boston Public Schools: \$100,000
- Bridge Boston Charter School: \$59,999
- Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical (Taunton): \$43,800
- Brockton Public Schools: \$100,000
- Burlington Public Schools: \$59,200
- Chelsea Public Schools: \$100,000
- Chicopee Public Schools: \$100,000
- Danvers Public Schools: \$100,000
- Dedham Public Schools: \$85,200
- Dennis-Yarmouth Public Schools: \$146,880
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- Holliston Public Schools: \$100,000
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- Lowell Public Schools: \$100,000
- Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter: \$70,000
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- Methuen Public Schools: \$100,000
- Monson Public Schools: \$143,420
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- Natick Public Schools: \$95,000
- North Adams Public Schools: \$100,000
- Norwood Public Schools: \$148,575
- Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical (Palmer): \$37,150

- Phoenix Academy Public Charter High School (Lawrence): \$100,000
- Quincy Public Schools: \$100,000
- READS Collaborative (Middleborough): \$94,140
- Rockland Public Schools: \$100,000
- Salem Public Schools: \$100,000
- Salem Academy Charter: \$99,260
- SEEM Collaborative (Stoneham): \$53,100
- South Hadley Public Schools: \$99,734
- Southbridge Public Schools: \$63,125
- Springfield International Charter: \$108,575
- Springfield Public Schools: \$148,575
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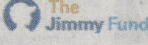
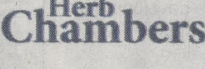
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